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'5-year transition extension'

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REPORTER

With less than two years before the end of the federalization transition period on Dec.

31, 2014, the Fitial administration, Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, and CNMI lawmakers are poised to ask the U.S. Labor Secretary to extend it by five more years or up to 2019.

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300 slots for child care program opened to new, eligible parents

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The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs has announced the opening of 300 more slots for the government's child care program, allowing it to accommodate more clients, including those families who were priced out of the program due to the

recent minimum wage hikes.

For this opening, DCCA is giving priority to those parents who are full-time students with no income at all as well as those parents attending school, training, or working. Based on the department's announcement, once it fills all needed slots, the pre-eligibility assessment will be stopped.

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AS TAIWAN EXPLORES OPPORTUNITIES IN CNMI

'Commonwealth must clear obstacles'

» **Consular officials establish ties with Legislature**

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Recognizing the potential of the CNMI for tourism and business, a visiting Taiwanese envoy cited the need to clear "obstacles" before prospective visitors and investors can start exploring and developing opportunities in the Commonwealth.

Director General Paul P.S. Wang of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam said Wednesday that more and more Taiwanese businessmen have expressed interest in investing in the Northern Marianas but challenges such as lack of air seats and unsuitable facilities have become a factor in discussions on business and tourism collaboration.

Wang's made the remarks as he and Director Robert Lo sought to establish diplomatic alliances with key island leaders on Wang's fourth visit to

Saipan during his two years in office.

Wang and Lo arrived for the inauguration of Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan and met with House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Vice Speaker Francisco S. Dela Cruz, House floor leader Rafael S. Demapan, Reps. Anthony T. Benavente,

Ralph N. Yumul, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, and Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero on Wednesday.

The two also paid a courtesy visit to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, and separately with Senate President Jude Hofschneider to discuss ways on spurring and promoting economic exchange and strengthening the relationship between the two states.

Wang said that Taiwan nationals are

keen on bringing tourism-related businesses such as the airline industry as well as renewable energy and other green technology to the CNMI.

Wang pointed out that Taiwan passengers have increasingly been traveling to Guam and Hawaii. Taiwanese visitors now comprise the third largest tourist market for Guam. In 2012 alone, Guam received close to 50,000 tour-

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CLARISSA V. DAVID

Director Paul P.S. Wang, fourth left, and Director Robert Lo, left, of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam join lawmakers and Taiwanese investors for a group photo following a meeting at Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has seemingly abated the exodus of nurses at the public hospital, which now has a total of 160 nurses. This number is expected to increase in the coming weeks pending the recruitment of nine more nurses.

Nursing director Leticia Reyes is confident that CHC, which lost many nurses

last year due to uncertainties at the hospital, will fill all 167 slots allowed for the department this fiscal year.

At one point last year, CHC only had about 130 nurses.

Of the 160 nurses right now, 14 are recent hires, Reyes said. The new recruits

are composed of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and nursing assistants.

Operational wise, the current number of nursing employees is considered "stable," translating to one nurse for every five patients per shift, Reyes said. In cases of higher patient ratio, reinforce-

ments are called in, even it means incurring overtime costs, she added.

Besides key units at the hospital, nurses are also stationed outside the facility such as at the Department of Corrections. Some will be stationed at the soon-to-open Kagman Community Health Center.

Reyes believes a major factor in the success of their nursing recruitment is the commitment shown by the Com-

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CHC slowly regains nurses' confidence

» **Hospital now has 160 nurses; 9 more applicants pending**

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EMO warns of high surf today

The Emergency Management Office reiterated yesterday its warning that hazardous surf will persist until Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013.

EMO said a shear line will cause large waves and produce hazardous surf in the next couple days. A high surf advisory remains in effect for north facing reefs until 6am Sunday.

"Along north facing reefs, hazardous surf of 8 to 10 feet will gradually build to 10 to 12 feet by Friday. Surf should slowly subside over the weekend. Along west facing reefs, hazardous surf of 7 to 9 feet should subside below hazardous levels this weekend. Along east facing reefs, surf will be higher than usual and could become hazardous [by] Friday," EMO said.

A small craft advisory remains in effect until 6am Sunday. This means seas 10 feet or greater and sustained winds of 22 to 33 knots are expected to produce conditions hazardous to small craft.

"Combined seas...will build to 10 to 12 feet by Friday. Winds of 15 to 25 knots will increase to 20 to 30 knots through Friday night," EMO said.

The public is urged to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along north facing reefs as rip currents are life threatening.

Mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels should avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, exercise caution, especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors and inlets. (EMO)

2 new laws OK'd to reprogram funds for Saipan, Rota projects

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed two new public laws yesterday reprogramming or re-appropriating funds for Saipan and Rota projects, but one of them was signed with reservations and was line-item vetoed while the other one needed clarification.

The governor signed into law former representative Frederick P. DeLeon Guerrero's House Bill 17-305 reprogramming \$818,965 from Public Law 11-119, specifically to improve water and sewer services to Saipan's Lower Base Industrial Park area. The measure is now Public Law 17-90.

Fitial, in his message to the Legislature, noted that there is an amount less than what was appropriated in the bill's Section 2, "but sufficient to meet the bill's intent of providing the 25 percent in local matching funds CUC [Commonwealth Utilities Corp.] and the Water

Task Force needs as they seek the \$2.4 million grant proposals needed to complete the Lower Base Industrial Park area."

The governor also signed Rep. Teresita Santos' (R-Rota) H.B. 17-308 into Public Law 17-91, but "with reservations and disapproved an item."

Santos' proposal re-appropriates \$271,240 from Public Laws 11-79 and 11-119 for Rota capital improvement projects.

But the governor, in his message to lawmakers yesterday, disapproved the re-appropriation of \$200,000, to go toward the construction of a slaughterhouse on Rota.

"Section 2(a) is hereby disapproved because insufficient funds exist to cover this project; otherwise, I have approved Section 2(b) because funds exist to further the bill's intent," he said.

The governor retained the re-appropriation of \$71,240, for the construction of a fence around a water cave on Rota.

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BOR ad hoc panel pushes for Hart's performance evaluation

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The ad hoc committee of the Board of Regents will push

Court impanels jury for Weindl's trial

The federal court yesterday late afternoon was able to impanel the jurors who will decide the fate of 68-year-old former school principal Thomas Weindl.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona directed the 13 jurors, including an alternate, to come back today, Friday, for the trial.

The selection among a pool of prospective jurors began Tuesday afternoon.

Yesterday, Manglona issued a written order granting the U.S. government's motion to dismiss counts one and two of the four-count indictment.

The judge granted the government's motion after determining that dismissal is not contrary to public interest.

"Counts one and two of the indictment are hereby dismissed without prejudice," Manglona said in a one-page order.

Dismissed without prejudice is when a case is dismissed but the plaintiff is allowed to re-file a new suit on the same claim in the future.

The remaining charges against Weindl are one count of receipt of child pornography and one count of access with intent to view child pornography that occurred on June 18, 2012.

Assistant U.S. attorney Rami S. Badawy on Monday moved to dismiss two counts of the same charges over an incident on June 15, 2012. (Ferdie de la Torre)

for a performance evaluation on Northern Marianas College president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., to give the board the information it will need when it decides on the renewal of Hart's employment contract.

Andrew Orsini, who chairs the ad hoc committee for the performance evaluation of the president, said yesterday this has always been the panel's recommendation since the completion of the first year of Hart's

Teen gets 2-year sentence for robbery

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has slapped a two-year prison term against a male teenager who, together with a male juvenile, beat up and robbed a woman last May 28 at her residence in Chalan Kanoa.

Wiseman on Wednesday accepted Joshua D. Limes' guilty plea and sentenced him to 10 years in prison, all suspended except for two years without the possibility of parole. The 19-year-old Limes was given credit for four months and 11 days of time served.

After his release, he will be placed on probation for eight years.

Limes was ordered to pay restitution to the victim, Mei Zi Lin, and to perform 200 hours of community service.

Limes pleaded guilty to robbery as part of a plea deal. The remaining charges were dismissed.

He was represented by assistant public defender Benjamin Petersburg.

In his written order yesterday, Wiseman said that Limes, although a participant in the

contract in 2011.

Hart's two-year contract is expiring on July 4 this year. As stipulated in the contract, her performance must be evaluated by the board every year.

The last time the board evaluated Hart was just six months into office, during which she obtained a "good" rating. The mid-term assessment happened only on the first year of Hart's contract.

Orsini said the midterm

robbery, was not the one who committed the physical acts of choking and banging the victim's head on the ground.

Wiseman said that, according to the government's statement of mitigating factors, it was the juvenile co-defendant who did those acts.

"The court also finds mitigation in the fact that defendant has no criminal history and is 19 years of age," the judge said.

Police said the victim, a Chinese woman, had some red marks on the neck and face, and her pants were dirty on the knee portion when a police officer responded to the scene.

The co-defendant allegedly confessed they split the money taken from the victim.

The victim identified the male juvenile as the one who allegedly choked her.

evaluation was at the mutual understanding of all regents

and is provided for in board policy. He pointed out, though, that Hart's contract requires an annual performance evaluation, and not just a midterm assessment.

Orsini believes the annual evaluation is an important tool when deciding whether or not Hart's contract will be considered for renewal.

He said it will not be fair for the board to decide on Hart's contract without the

required annual performance evaluation.

Saipan Tribune learned that Hart was supposed to have been evaluated before July 2011. This has yet to happen.

Board of Regents chair Juan T. Lizama told *Saipan Tribune* that the issue is now

among the items to be discussed at the board's meeting next week.

However, Lizama hinted that the conduct of an evaluation for the president is not a "sure thing" yet as a decision still de-

pends on each regent's vote.

Others on the ad hoc committee are regents Frank Rabauliman and William Torres. The panel is also tasked to do a performance evaluation on the Board of Regents' own performance. This was completed last year.

On Dec. 14, 2012, the NMC Faculty Assembly issued a no-vote of confidence against Hart due to allegations of fiscal mismanagement, leadership issues, and alleged abuse of power. On Dec. 30, 2012, the Board of Regents declared the vote invalid, citing the assembly's lack of quorum.



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Marianas Agupa adds two new segments

Marianas Agupa, the leading Chamorro radio talk show in the CNMI, will have two segment effective this Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013.

"Asuntun Tano' Yan Kuttur," meaning Land and Culture, will be featured and reported

by John Del Rosario, former secretary of the Department of Public Lands, and the Street Report by Antonio R. Cabrera aka "Atonion Amerikanu," former Finance secretary.

This two additional segment will follow the original

lineup of Marianas Agupa, which is the acclaimed "Hila' Chamorro" by former mayor Joseph Inos followed Tinian's former senator David Cing and Rota's Thomas Mendiola aka Guelu' Fadang.

The issues on the radio show

are discussed in plain Chamorro language but will entertain broken Chamorro, which means English and Chamorro together from time to time. An analysis on a particular subject matter affecting the CNMI will be discussed by Glenn H. Manglona every Saturday after the show's monologue and featured reports. Exchange of

ideas from the listening audience are encouraged.

The Marianas Agupa Chamorro talk show is carried live every Saturday on Magic 100.3 FM, which is located on the first floor of the Marianas Business Plaza and via streaming on www.magic100radio.com.

Listeners on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and those listening

via streaming are encouraged to call in and ask questions during the show (direct to studio at 234-5929 or use Marianas Agupa's Facebook account via instant messaging.)

The Chamorro radio talk show is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. For more information, contact Manglona t 287-4536. (PR)

CHC

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monwealth Healthcare Corp. to make the necessary changes at the hospital. Since being slapped with Medicare cita-

tions last year, the corporation has shown great strides in many areas, including in operation, medical equipment and supplies, policies, procedures, and others.

Nurses also appreciate the "accountability system" that was put in place at all levels of

the hospital, she said. "It really boosts their morale and performance. They have seen that the hospital is really moving forward and, slowly but surely, meeting all the standards," Reyes said.

A tracking system that moni-

tors the competency skills, licenses, and certifications of nursing employees has been put in place and continuing education and trainings are made available to them.

Last week, the corporation issued a one-month housing al-

lowance to employees. This is part of the corporation's promise to fulfill, little by little, its unpaid housing obligation to employees. Since last year, the corporation also began paying back wages to employees.

CEO Juan N. Babauta said

yesterday that the corporation, from the very start, has been transparent about the real situation at the hospital. Challenges, he said, were due to the lack of financial transition from being a public agency to now a corporation.

OBSTACLES

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ists from Taiwan, compared to about a hundred tourists who visited Saipan.

According to Wang, tour operators have discussed with them the desire to include a day-trip or two-day visit to Saipan and Tinian for Taiwanese tourists who travel to Guam. This proposal, however, was found unfeasible because of air and sea travel

woes within the Marianas.

Wang stressed that Tinian is particularly attractive to Taiwanese tourists for its casino industry but there are no flights between Guam and Tinian. He also noted that the airfare between Guam and Saipan is deemed uneconomical when compared to fare rates for Taipei-Guam or Hawaii flights.

Wang revealed that an airline company is exploring the prospect of providing direct flights between Taipei and Tinian. However, the island's airport

needs to be upgraded to accommodate the additional flights and visitors.

Wang emphasized that government support would be vital in carrying out such projects.

Lawmakers during Wednesday's meeting expressed support in fostering stronger relations with the government and people of Taiwan, vowing to look into all proposals that would stimulate the local economy.

"I'm very excited that they're reaching out to us. I'm very excited about the potential op-

portunities that we can take advantage of. We're definitely interested in what they have to offer," said House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero.

He said that Taiwan has one of the strongest economies in Asia and overcoming the challenges and barriers that prevent the CNMI from reaching out to this market would be included in the Legislature's priorities.

Deleon Guerrero added that the islands can also learn from Taiwan's technological know-how, particularly in the area of

renewable energy.

Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero, who chairs the House Committee on Transportation and Communication, said they would work with the tourism committee to look into proposals coming from the Taiwan markets.

"There's a lot of good things that would happen if a Taiwan airline starts serving the CNMI. Hopefully, we can open it up to Tinian and Rota as well," he added.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the administration

stressed with Wang that much of the uncertainty within the business community stems from policies at the federal level, explaining that existing businesses are hesitant to make major decisions until immigration and labor policies are made clear by the federal government.

Wang's views, he added, are in line with the administration's latest initiative to create a multi-agency tourism working group that would focus on upgrading the facilities and capacities of the CNMI.

CHILD CARE

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The CNMI Child Care program is a federally funded initiative that gets \$1.9 million

every year from the U.S. Child Care Development Block Grant Program. The money is used by the Commonwealth to pay for the services rendered by child care centers.

As of September last year, the

child care program had under its wing 26 child care centers, 21 family day care centers, and one home care provider.

DCCA Secretary Melvin Faisao told *Saipan Tribune* that it is the agency's hope to cover

the families who became ineligible to be a recipient of the child care program due to the recent minimum wage hike.

Faisao said the 300 slots they opened for new applicants are based on the state plan approved

for the program for fiscal year 2013.

The pre-eligibility assessments will be done at the DCCA Rota Office on Feb. 12 and DCCA Tinian Office on Feb. 6.

For full time students with

zero income, assessment is ongoing every Tuesdays and Thursdays at the DCCA office on Capital Hill.

In fiscal year 2012, the program served about 433 children on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

EXTENSION

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If the transitional Commonwealth-only worker program is not extended, more than 12,000 skilled and professional nonresident workers with CW-1 status will have to exit the CNMI.

Sablan said his letter to the U.S. Labor secretary will be sent "in the not so distant future."

He said the still "fragile" state

of the CNMI economy needs continued access to skilled guest workers while the CNMI should work toward employing all eligible U.S. workers and continue to train or prepare the others.

Richard Pierce, executive director of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, separately said yesterday there is no question that the CNMI economy needs a five-year extension of the transition period, especially with tourism starting to pick up.

"We're pushing for a five-year extension and everybody seems to be on the same page on this," he said. "There has to be a decision made as soon as possible so businesses can plan ahead."

The government and private sector said that losing access to these skilled foreign workers will harm the tourism-based economy in a major way. These nonresident workers, many of them working legally in the CNMI for more than five years,

include nurses, accountants, engineers, electricians, mechanics, carpenters, house workers, and hotel and restaurant employees.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has also been repeatedly saying that he wants a five-year extension of the transition period.

Press secretary Angel Demapan confirmed yesterday that the administration is still seeking such an extension.

The CNMI's request will also come at a time when the Obama

administration and U.S. Congress members are pushing for national immigration reform that includes giving pathway to citizenship to over 11 million undocumented aliens in the U.S. mainland.

Sablan reiterated that he is working with his colleagues in Congress and the Obama administration to ensure that the CNMI is included in any national immigration reform legislation.

He is also currently working on a broader version of his H.R.

1466 to include other groups of long-term nonresidents that will be eligible for a CNMI resident status, or pathway to U.S. citizenship.

Sablan said if the CNMI is left out in this national immigration reform, it will hurt the chances of long-term legal nonresident workers here, among other things.

The CNMI Legislature is also poised to introduce legislation supporting an extension of the transition period.

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Judge denies convicted ex-cop's motion to set aside sentence

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona denied yesterday for lack of jurisdiction a

Santos now heads Rota legislative delegation

Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) now chairs the four-member Rota Legislative Delegation following their organizational session on Wednesday, days after their Saipan and Tinian counterparts held theirs.

Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) is delegation vice chair, while Senate floor leader Victor Hocog (R-Rota) is delegation floor leader.

Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), the previous delegation chairman, was absent during

second motion to vacate, set aside, or correct the sentence filed by Eric John Tudela Mafnas, a former police officer who is currently serving time at a federal prison in Arizona.

Manglona ruled that before

Wednesday's organizational session because he remains in jail related to criminal charges filed against him when he attempted to smuggle endangered fruit bats from Rota to Saipan.

The delegation's first regular session under the new leadership is this afternoon, and they may act on Santos's House Local Bill 18-3 appropriating \$45,000 from poker and pachinko slot machines license fees for Rota programs and services. *(Haidee V. Eugenio)*

Immigration interview on KWWW today

In an effort to reach out to guest workers in the CNMI regarding the comprehensive immigration reform that was recently announced by President Barack Obama, the US Pinoys for Good Governance will be hosting an interview today, Feb.

1, from 3pm to 6pm, with immigration lawyer Ted Laguatan on KWWW 110.3 FM.

Laguatan, who is also the legal counsel and spokesperson of the USP4GG, will be interviewed by Dr.

Celia B. Lamkin, chairperson of U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas chapter, in collaboration with Leo Ganacias of KWWW 110.3 FM.

Laguatan is a human rights lawyer and is recognized by the California State Bar as one of the top immigration lawyers in the country, being one of only

29 lawyers officially certified continuously as an expert-specialist in immigration law for almost 25 years now.

"Please do not miss this great opportunity to listen and learn about this new immigration reform," said Lamkin.

Listeners are free to call KWWW 110.3 FM at 234-5929 or visit their office at the ground floor of Marianas Business Plaza to submit their questions during the time of the interview.

This is based on a first come, first served basis, said Lamkin.

The US Pinoys for Good Governance is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization based in New York.

For more information, call Lamkin at 288-1714 or email her at celia.lamkin@yahoo.com. *(PR)*

filing the second motion, a petitioner must first move for authorization from the appellate Court of Appeals.

"Mafnas has not received authorization from the Ninth Circuit to file this motion, and he does not satisfy the exception to the authorization requirement," the judge said.

Manglona said Mafnas could and did raise the second motion's claims in his first motion.

The judge said the petitioner's new evidence, while potentially relevant to the strength of his claims, is not relevant to the court's jurisdiction.

Manglona said the court's jurisdiction derives from Ninth Circuit's authorization.

For the court to hear Mafnas' second motion, the judge said,

he must first seek and receive the Ninth Circuit's authorization of his second motion.

The former police officer's first motion claimed that his counsel was both ineffective and had a conflict of interest.

Manglona said Mafnas' second motion raises these same claims, but now he also brings new evidence that his counsel has since been suspended from practicing law in Guam.

Mafnas was referring to her then counsel, Stephanie DLG. Flores, who, in 2012 was suspended by the Supreme Court of Guam from the practice of law for violations of the ABA Model Rule of Professional Conduct.

In July 2012, the CNMI Superior Court also suspended Flores

from practicing law in local courts for abandoning a criminal case despite a \$15,000 retainer already paid by a defendant.

In February 2006, the U.S. District Court for the NMI sentenced Mafnas to 19 years and

seven months in prison for his conviction on charges of stealing cash and illegal drug evidence from the Department of Public Safety. The Ninth Circuit subsequently confirmed his conviction in 2007.

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Senate OKs 5 bills, including one headed to Fitial's desk

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REPORTER

The Senate passed yesterday afternoon five bills, including a House bill strengthening laws against sex crimes and domestic violence that is now headed to the governor's desk. Rep. Edmund Villagomez's (Cov-Saipan) House Bill 18-3 is the first bill passed by both the 18th House and Senate. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial vetoed the original version of this bill last year.

The four other bills passed were from the Senate, and they are headed for the House.

Each of the five bills was passed by a vote of 8-0, with one absence, Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota).

Villagomez's HB 18-3 strengthens provisions regarding sex crimes and domestic violence by establishing minimum mandatory sentence for sexual assault and sexual abuse of a minor, increasing the time-served component necessary for

parole eligibility, and amending existing definitions to clarify provisions relating to sex crimes and domestic violence.

"I am happy and also grateful that the Senate passed HB 18-3. It is good news for the victims, because this bill is mainly for them and also to deter these types of crimes from happening," Villagomez told *Saipan Tribune*.

He amended the version that the governor vetoed in the 17th Legislature.

"HB 18-3 included the concerns raised by the governor and Viola Alepuyo. On top of that, we also expanded on the findings and purposes to make sure that there is no misinterpretation of the law. We also made more clarifications. And although the version in the 17th Legislature was good, this version is better," Villagomez added.

The first one to pass during yesterday afternoon's session was Sen. Frank Cruz's (R-Tin-

ian) Senate Bill 18-1, renaming the Department of Public Safety Building on Tinian the Gilbert Manglona Taisacan Building.

Senators also passed Cruz's S.B. 18-2, to authorize active duty U.S. military personnel stationed outside the CNMI in any state or territory to maintain or renew their vehicle registration in the CNMI, among other things.

Also passed was Sen. Ray Yumul's (IR-Saipan) amended S.B. 18-3, increasing the num-

ber of cigarette packages or carton—from one carton to three cartons—allowed to be brought into the CNMI by tourists.

Cruz's S.B. 18-6 also passed. It amends an existing law to provide for exemption from the 30 percent gaming machine jackpot tax if an individual meets certain qualifications, including if the otherwise taxable prize is won by an individual who is a "non-resident alien individual" and if it is won in a casino.

Group backs native landscaping to make NMI more bird-friendly

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With more areas in the CNMI becoming urbanized, a non-

profit organization is pushing for "native landscaping" or planting of native trees to improve residential and commercial yards and make the islands

more "bird-friendly." Micronesia Bird Conservation president Shelly Kremer said there are numerous local trees that the public can plant in

their yards to attract and provide habitation for both endemic and non-native birds.

Kremer said birds are important for seed dispersal, pollina-

tion, and keeping trees healthy as some birds eat the insects that feed on tree leaves. She noted a recent study in Guam that showed birds are important for survival and regeneration of forests.

According to Kremer, birds are "resilient" and not picky on selecting their habitats as they thrive in limestone forests, open and secondary forests, and in urban areas.

"The urban areas are where we can actually begin to target and do a better job in increasing bird densities. It's quite simple," noted Kremer.

She said that a simple "litmus test" would determine if one's yard is doing well or needs improvement in terms of attracting birds. If Eurasian Tree Sparrow is the only species present in the area, it means that the area has a lot of grass and open space and is rated poorly.

The presence of other species like Honeyeater or the Bridled White-eye means the area is good while the presence of Rufous Fantail indicates that the area is doing really well.

"If you didn't pass the litmus



Kremer

test, plant trees to improve your yard," said Kremer.

Besides providing shelter for wildlife, trees also provide food and medicine, aid water conservation,

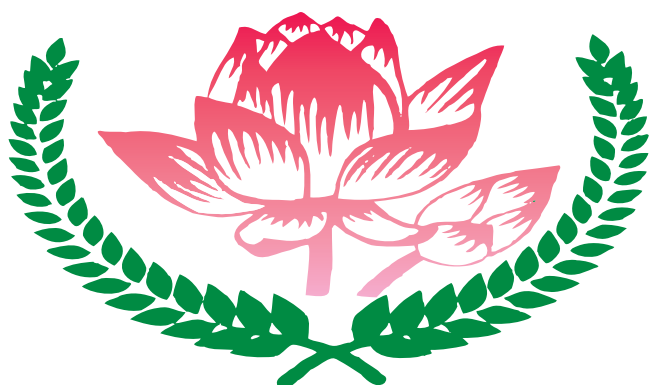
reduce heat, prevent flooding and soil erosion, among others, Kremer said.

She noted that their group plans to make presentations to increase awareness about the importance of native landscaping, planting trees and other practices that will support their mission.

Founded in 2012, Micronesia Bird Conservation is dedicated to the protection and preservation of the avifauna of the Micronesia Islands where there is a high rate of endemism for some of the most threatened and endangered bird species in the world.

Other officials of the group are Cooper Schraudenbach, vice president; Yogi Singh, secretary; Robert Kremer, treasurer; and Lanie Zarones, board member.

For more information, visit www.micronesiaboardconservation.org or email srkremer@gmail.com.



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16 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged 16 beach sites on Saipan and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are the San Roque School, Tanapag Meeting Hall, Central Repair Shop, DPW Channel Bridge, S. Puerto Rico Dump, American Memorial Park, Micro Beach, Fiesta Resort, Hafadai Hotel, Hafadai drainage, Garapan Fishing Dock, Garapan Beach, CK

Dist. #2 Drainage, CK Dist. #4 Drainage, Chalan Piao Beach, and Hopwood School Beach.

For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

KHS takes over McTeacher Night

Kagman High School is hosting this month's McTeacher Night and will be hosting it "Kagman-Gangnam"-style at McDonald's Middle Road every Tuesday for the whole month of February (Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26) from 5pm to 8pm. There will also be a parking lot dance-off by Kagman High School "AYUYUs." Proceeds of this fundraiser will go to repair the electronic PA system and school equipment. (PR)

Navy, Coast Guard training on FDM, Warning Area 517

The U.S. Navy will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Feb. 1 from 4am to 2pm. The U.S. Coast Guard will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Feb. 4-5 from 9am to 4pm. The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Feb. 1, 1999

Employers told: Cut unqualified jobseekers

Despite a huge leap in the number of local residents seeking jobs in the private sector, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has said employers should not be forced to hire applicants who lack qualifications. Locals who have signed up for employment totaled 1,516 in 1998, or a 170 percent jump from the previous year at 561, which officials largely attribute to the economic crisis that has led to business closures. While the governor prodded private employers to take the initiative in training local people to provide them with more opportunities to enter the sector made up more than 90 percent of non-resident workers, businessmen should only accept qualified employees.

Sablan: Hiked fees a damper on tourism

The expected influx of tourist arrivals on the island may not happen this year after the Commonwealth Ports Authority junked the proposal of the Aviation Task Force and the Marianas Visitors Authority to reduce by 50 percent the landing fees to lure new airlines provide service to the commonwealth. "It is our best chance to convince the airlines to come here but we may just witness the death of our tourism economy," said MVA board chairman Dave M. Sablan. In fact, he said airlines have threatened to downsize operations by using smaller type of aircraft once the ports authority pushes through with the planned rate increase of airport fees.

Feb. 1, 2000

Govt anticipates more cuts in spending

The CNMI government is anticipating its total expenditures to be lower in 1999 compared to previous years, as finance managers finalize reports on reduction in the Commonwealth's bureaucracy which had grown so big during the previous administration. The Department of Finance earlier disclosed that the government slashed expenses on leased vehicle by \$600,000, from \$2 million in FY 1998 to \$1.4 million in FY 1999, representing a 28 percent reduction in government spending on leased vehicles. Finance officials said it will monitor strict compliance on the governor's call to further trim government expenses in light of declining revenues.

Removal of K-9 unit worries Rota

The Division of Customs has pulled out its K-9 dog from the Rota International Airport due to funding shortfall, prompting concerns on the failure by authorities to detect drugs and other contraband being smuggled into the CNMI. Sen. Edward U. Maratita, head of the Rota Legislative Delegation, yesterday asked Customs Director Joe Mafnas to reinstate the monitoring system as he offered his assistance in trying to seek funds to have the surveillance dog in place at the airport. Noting that the island municipality last used the K-9 unit in December 1999 to check passengers, baggage and cargoes entering through its ports, he expressed concern that Rota Customs office will not be able to afford having such trained dog for the next two years because of lack of funds.

Feb. 1, 2002

SEDC briefs greenhorns on economy

Members of the Strategic Economic Development Council visited the 13th Legislature yesterday morning and held a joint briefing for both chambers, in a bid to bring freshman lawmakers up to speed on matters relating to the Council. Council member Marian Aldan-Pierce said they met with the lawmakers to orient them on what the SEDC is and its objectives relating to the economic well-being of the Commonwealth. "Besides telling them what the SEDC is, we also updated them on what we have already achieved in terms of the Strategic Five-Year Development Plan we have to kick-start the economy," said Pierce.

HMO facilitates \$500K savings for GHLIP

From September 1 to December 31 last year, the Group Health and Life Insurance Program has already managed to save more than half-a-million dollars in medical claims payments, with the assistance of third-party administrator Hawaii Pacific Medical Referrals. HPMR President and Chief Executive Officer Arnold M. Baptiste said that, since they began handling the Fund's off-island and on-island medical referrals in September 2001 up to the end of December last year, they have already saved the Fund \$539,988, representing 53 percent of the total charges that the Fund was supposed to pay. "During that period, the total charges amounted to more than \$1.18 million," said Baptiste.

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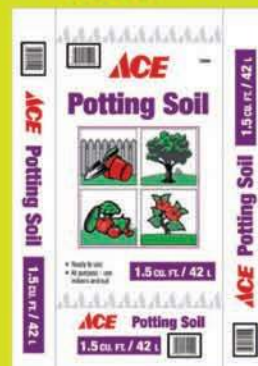
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Understanding executive appointments

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It is important to clarify executive appointments requiring Senate confirmation (advice and consent), given the seeming inadvertent oversight by the governor on constitutional, statutory, and court ruling governing this issue.

A legal analysis prepared by the Senate counsel clarifies what the Constitution, pertinent laws and court ruling said on this matter. It provides clarity on a matter where some nominees have suffered permanently from such oversight on the part of the titular head.

The analysis says, "The statutory provision pertaining to appointments specifically provides...that appointments to positions which require the advice and consent of the Senate...shall be submitted to the appropriate presiding officer within 30 days following the date the person was temporarily appointed. ...If the appointment is not confirmed...within 90 consecutive days from the date the person was appointed, the appointment is deemed rejected and shall automatically terminate, the position shall become vacant, and the person nominated shall not be re-nominated."

The analysis also noted the court finding how the appointment of "acting" could easily be used to evade Senate rejection. The court ruled: "If the Legislature intended to allow a person to serve in an acting position in excess of 30 days, then specific legislation would have been drafted to reflect such intention. There is no such legislation. The decision erased any likely ambiguity on this issue."

"Therefore, it is logical to conclude that if a name is not submitted to the Senate within the 30-day period, such nomination must fail because the governor has reconsidered the appointment and has decided to withdraw the appointment. Thus, the governor must proceed to make another appointment and not re-nominate the said individual."

There's no provision for the term "acting" departmental or agency head nor was there subsequent statutory amendment that changed the 30-day provision of law on the submission of a permanent appointment. Recent appointments outside the 30-day provision have failed for inadvertent oversight of the law.

Senators must secure, read, and understand the analysis prepared by its own legal counsel that cited a recent court decision. That decision is basically law that clarifies ambiguities in the current law. To ignore it is both a violation of law and breach of fiduciary duty that could lead to a reverse or combined impeachment in the upper chamber: Fitial and senators! Shall we follow the law as stated in the court decision?

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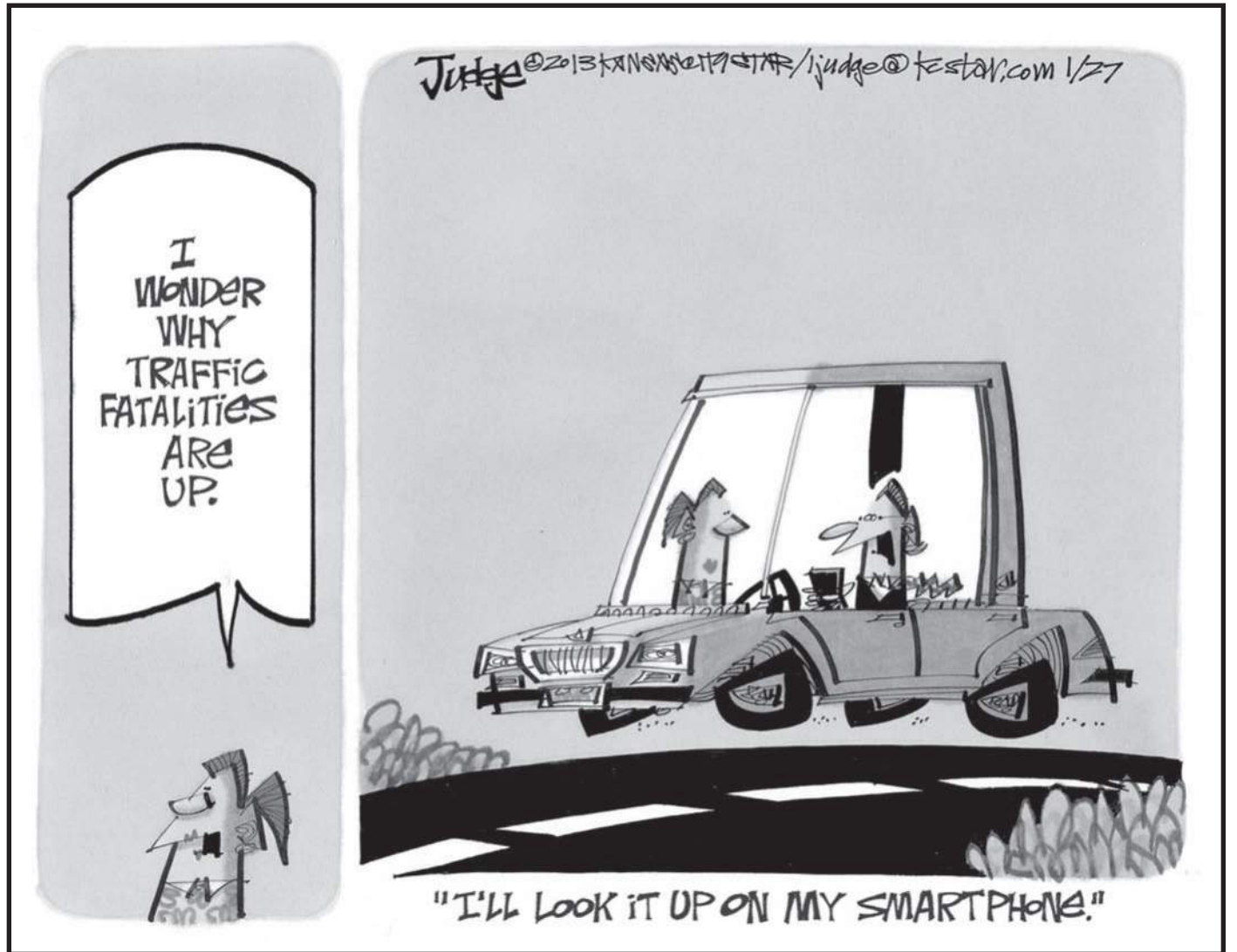
On DPS commissioner-designate

I've followed the lawsuit brought to court by DPS commissioner-designate James C. Deleon Guerrero in his effort to restore a system of meritocracy, specifically the civil service system to protect civil servants at DPS.

He won and instantly eradicated the growth and perpetuation of the filthy political connection that trumps opportunities for deserving public servants. It reinstated the civil service system at DPS and ends the wild whimsical promotions of the politically connected. This is now history!

Deleon Guerrero's courage and efforts speak volumes of his

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Fast track on the air lane

Air travel has become so common that traversing miles of air distance hardly evokes the awe and wonder of a previous age. I remember getting into Seoul's Gimpo (formerly Kimpo) Airport long ago when the place invariably and without apology exuded the spicy aroma of kim chee land. Less obtrusive but also assertive of its local uniqueness was Haneda in Tokyo, and Hongqiao in Shanghai. Now, Seoul international is in Incheon, Tokyo's is in Narita, and Shanghai's is in Pudong.

Incheon's global ambience has become so blandly unobtrusive that the only whiff of kim chee one gasps is in what emanates from the kim chee plate at the kiosk, its scent sucked quickly into the ventilation system that drives the distinctive aroma away from those who take offense from the odiferous offering!

In 1965, we sailed from Manila to San Francisco in one of the President Lines' ships and the voyage took 20 days. It took only 10 actual flying time to travel from Shenyang to Honolulu via Incheon. When we sailed, the diversity in the passenger manifest showed American students who came to Asia for summer, while the Asian students were heading to schools and universities for the fall. Being the last voyage before the fall semester, the sea lanes heard many student songs.

The polyglot at the airports was just as noticeable even in the regional hub of Shenyang. Ethnic diversity among flyers is a reality in all of the hubs with the only difference being the ethnicity of the terminal's vendors who tend to be predominantly local. Waiting for my connecting flight in Incheon, the family on my left spoke various shades of Pinoy while the African couple on my right spoke French. Directly in front were sub-Asians of Urdu and Tamil tongues, and the ones behind spoke Arabic. My plane seatmates onward to Honolulu claimed to speak primarily *Guangdonghua*!

Unless one takes the mid-Pacific route to America via Guam, Saipan passengers connect through Incheon or Narita for the arctic route to the continent. We had a few Chamorro *hafa* tots running around our terminal wing.

On board Korean Air, stewards and stewardesses clothed their service with hospitable and gracious smiles, in stark contrast to the cold precision of disciplined efficiency often cadenced on airlines of our familiarity from the West. Korean Air prepared us for the Aloha ways of the land of the rainbow connection in Hawaii. The *Hangguel saram* (Koreans) constitute a substantial portion of the Hawaiian population, and they no longer need to have a visa before alighting on a flight to the United States.

The fast track down O'ahu way is a bit schizoid, following the demand of punctuality that contemporary Western commercial style requires in time and attire (like showing up at a USCIS appointment well ahead of time to pass through security) with the laidback coco-

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Overcast skies over the Ala Moana skyline.

nut time of the islands that tend to wait for the fruit to ripen before it falls (getting on an unhurried relaxed mode in the open-ended walk down Kalakaua in Waikiki at sundown). The image of tranquility in paradise after all is that of a surfer on firm foothold in the hollow of a wave as it crashes on the beach and the surfer avoids tumbling into the shore. Tranquility in the Pacific is hardly without tension. It is rather about standing at the pivot point of the yin-yang while it swirls to balance life's natural contradictions.

In a nation that had turned Reagan's lighthearted "trust and verify" advice to the solemn and serious "suspect, defend, and verify" of current DHS culture, the Hawaii of our familiar (we were briefly in the staff of WorkHawaii in the late '90s) has become a state under siege by phantom elements that people official (a close associate works for Corrections and his eyes blazes with suspicion) and fear brainwashed citizens' imagination. It is well for the visitor to decide when it is appropriate to follow which style. Many a Hawaiian vacation hinges on this awareness.

We are on the hula palm sway to visit 92-year-old mother convalescing at a nursing home after a fall in the fall. Having caught

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The Asian arms race continues

Welcome to another strategy session here at the Last Command Post. Feel free to park your beach chair anywhere you can find space. My adjutant will issue you a cold libation; after all, we're cutting into your Friday happy hour and we don't want anyone risking dehydration.

Thus far, this year has just been an amplified version of last year, as more rhetoric has been flying over several disputed nooks and crannies of the west Pacific.

It's getting pretty dramatic. For example, the Jan. 30 Web edition of *Foreign Policy* magazine, which is hardly a hysterical tabloid, carries an article that proclaims "East Asia is a tinderbox on water," and contemplates whether the region is a "Maritime Balkans."

I haven't yet read the article; it just now came to my attention. But the mere wording shows how high the stakes are.

And they really are high.

East Asia, to me, is the world's most promising region, so if this turns sour, I'm going to start building a rocket ship to Mars or something.

The issue people ponder is whether a skirmish over some remote, guano-encrusted rock in the Pacific could snowball into some meat-grinder of a giant war like WWI.

Interestingly enough, though we associate the Mariana Islands with WWII, I've read one account that said the first shot fired by the U.S. in WWI wasn't in Europe, but was actually in Guam, where the Navy took a shot at a German vessel. I'd be the last guy to ask if that is true or not, but maybe I'll hear from somebody who knows.

Back to the issue at hand, the disputed areas in the west Pacific are often called "flashpoints," but I think that is a loaded term. On one hand, it serves us well, pointing to how a spark in some otherwise insignificant place can grow into a big conflagration. However, I think it can trick us into a false sense of cause-and-effect, as we invert the importance of the little picture and the big one.

And it's the big picture that is driving things. Over the course of decades, the economic and military power of various nations has been changing. Asia's boundaries are eventually going to reflect this, maybe sooner, maybe later, maybe peacefully, maybe not peacefully, but in any event these are big, broad factors rooted in decades of worth of background (such as macroeconomics, military development, etc.), instead of little matters of merely contemporary origin.

So if some little skirmish ignites a bigger conflagration, people will, of course, cite the "flashpoint" as the instigating reason for the larger fireworks. But, to my mind, if such a thing happens, it's likely that the fireworks were going to happen anyway, rooted in whatever large, strategic forces were in motion.

Which is to say, I don't heed the rhetoric much, since I don't think it's the rhetoric that matters.

Anyway, there's plenty of other stuff happening outside of the flashpoint dramas.

For example, India made the news a few days ago when it successfully test-fired a submarine-launched ballistic missile. OK, India isn't strictly the Pacific, but it is next door and is certainly an

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element of the Pacific equation.

For another example, Vietnam has ordered a half-dozen Kilo class submarines and, last I heard, was going to make anti-ship cruise missiles under a licensing arrangement with Russia.

And speaking of Russia, it's embarking on a substantial program to get its navy back into shape; as long as oil and gas prices stay high, Russia will have the money to fund this gig.

Overall, I'll admit this entire picture is not a very tidy thing to behold. It's more like gathering disjointed details than enjoying an exercise in streamlined logic. So there are a few items I'd like to cherry pick and mention the next time we're on this subject, since I can never manage to take a clean cut at it in one fell swoop.

But, until then, our mission is done. It's time to strike the colors, fold our beach chairs, and proceed with enjoying the weekend. I find the Last Command Post spooky at sunset, and sometimes I suspect the shades of the past are trying to tell us something.

Anticipation, Branding and Coordination: ABC for CNMI tourism

A couple of months ago, shortly before my visit to the island, I contributed a column to the *Saipan Tribune* about tourism, energy and innovation options for Saipan. On Oct. 30, 2012, I had the honor to speak at the CNMI Annual Tourism Summit held at PIC Saipan where I met a couple of tourism professionals, policymakers and enthusiasts. Yes, the CNMI has recognized that tourism is crucial for the islands' economy. Tourism declined since the peak year in 1997 from 727,000 visitors to 400,269 in 2012—a 45-percent drop but an upward trend compared to previous years. But the CNMI needs at least 170,000 additional tourists to maintain business sustainability. It seems to be challenging to compensate for the decline of Japanese tourists despite the opening of new markets, especially from China and Russia. But how to attract more tourists, especially returning visitors?

As I know from my marketing experience, returning clients and clients who come at the recommendation of friends and acquaintances are a very important base for sustainable business. Sure, marketing is very important. If no one knows about your product, no one will buy it. But since marketing and advertisement can be expensive, it needs to be done smartly. You need to define key target groups to focus on, analyze their needs, preferences, and desires and find ways to reach them.

Besides classic advertisement, social media has also become an important and inexpensive platform for marketing. However, as people feel increasingly annoyed by spam and intrusive ads, personal messages, reviews, and recommendations from friends' networks are likely to be a better and more trustworthy way. And this comes for free if people have really enjoyed their stay. Reference marketing has become a very important factor. It may just need some ad-

ditional incentives like rewards for people to share their positive experiences. In Korea, for example, having comments and blogs about Saipan as a beautiful tourist destination on Naver, Korea's No. 1 search engine, is crucial.

But marketing is not everything. The hard and important part is to keep your advertising promises. It is easy to put up nice pictures and praise the sights and sounds of your destination, but will you keep up with reality? Certainly, the islands of the CNMI are a warm and beautiful destination and one of the rather rare places where you can get away from the rush and buzz and relax and enjoy nature. Couldn't this be a branding strategy for the CNMI to set us apart from the more buzzing destinations like Guam and Hawaii? Saipan needs some branding, some image that will be uniquely associated with the CNMI, has recognition value, positive connotations, and sets us apart from competing destinations. So let's identify what sets us positively apart from our tropical climate competitors.

Thinking of it, some things come to my mind immediately: Close proximity to Asia and even Europe (closer than Hawaii, Palau and Tahiti), a genuine experience of unmodified nature and distinct natural sights (different than the more urban Guam), safety (very important due to growing instability in other tropical destinations), less commercialized (in contrast to, e.g., Bali) as well as Chamorro and Carolinian culture, which, however, need to be more revived and promoted. How about opening farms and plantations where tourists can experience organic (and traditional) farming? A greater focus on agriculture and handicraft (e.g. coconut produce) should be assessed as a second pillar for the CNMI economy.

But visitors to the CNMI also have expectations, especially if they have positively responded to advertisement. Therefore we

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need to fulfill their expectations and keep our advertisement promises, provide convenient transportation, excellent service, a relaxing environment, cultural stimulation and all that is needed to ensure a memorable stay that people can wholeheartedly recommend to their friends, relatives, and colleagues.

Fortunately, the tourist logistics seems to improve with new flights from China to Saipan and the recent launch of flights between Saipan and Rota by Arctic Circle Air. Contributions and expressed interest like the major investments of businessman Hee Cho and the engagement of entrepreneurs like Mr. Anthony Pellegrino point in the right direction and give rise to optimism. Reaching our tourist targets requires cooperation, collaboration, and coordinated ac-

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strong sense of moral justice and the existence of laws and the need to abide by them. His recognition of the CNMI being a government of laws trumpets that he's deeply rooted in moral values upon which we attain justice for all. He deserves swift Senate confirmation!

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On positive thinking

When caught in a serious dilemma, people encourage us to "think positive," mindless of how hard it is to do so. Yet the recent holiday season posed a myriad of sixty-four-dollar-questions we had to deal with. Indeed, the defining moment is "joy" yet the strenuous effort seems to make many of us miserable.

Books have been written about positive philosophy that runs deep in American culture, not just in how we handle holidays and other social situations but also in business, politics, and beyond. Yet stud-

ies suggest that "peppy affirmations designed to lift the user's mood through repetition and visualizing future success often achieve the opposite of their intended effect."

I've used positive thinking too but take preference in what's known as "defensive pessimism"—preparing for worse case scenarios. I usually give myself a timeline to resolve issues, come hell or high water. If the answer fudges in my favor, fine—but if it goes the other way then that sinking feeling is far less jolting than if I had expected the opposite.

Research by Saras Sarasvathy, an associate professor of business administration at the University of Virginia, suggests that learning to accommodate feelings of uncertainty is not just the key to a more balanced life but often leads to prosperity as well. For one project, she interviewed 45 successful entrepreneurs, all of whom had taken at least one business public. Almost none embraced the idea of writing comprehensive business plans or conducting extensive market research.

They practiced instead what Sarasvathy calls "effectuation." Rather than choosing a goal and then making a plan to achieve it,

they took stock of the means and materials at their disposal then imagined the possible ends. Effectuation also includes what she calls the "affordable loss principle." Instead of focusing on the possibility of spectacular rewards from a venture, ask how great the loss would be if it failed. If the potential loss seems tolerable, take the next step.






The ultimate value of the "negative path" may not be its role in facilitating upbeat emotions or even success. It is simply realism. The future really is uncertain, after all, and things really do go wrong as well as right. We are too often motivated by a craving to put an end to the inevitable surprises in our lives.

As Steve Jobs famously declared about mortality, "Remembering that you are going to die is the best way that I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. However tempted we may be to agree with views about death—I'm strongly against it—there's much to be said for confronting it rather than denying it. There are some facts that even the most powerful positive thinking can't alter."

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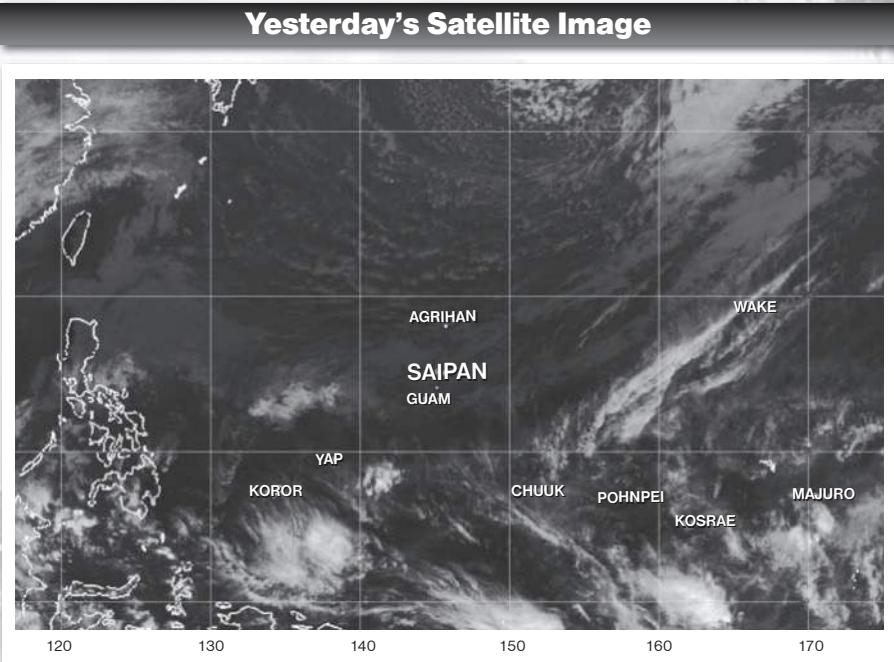
5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Windy at times. Northeast winds 20 to 30 mph.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 83° ▼ 75°	▲ 84° ▼ 75°	▲ 85° ▼ 75°	▲ 85° ▼ 76°	▲ 86° ▼ 76°

Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Windy	▲ 82 ▼ 74
Palau	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Yap	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Kosrae	Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Majuro	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 80

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲ 76 ▼ 66
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲ 30 ▼ 16
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲ 75 ▼ 67
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79 ▼ 69
London	Showers	▲ 44 ▼ 33
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 73 ▼ 45
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 66 ▼ 52
Miami	Showers	▲ 74 ▼ 54
New York	Windy	▲ 49 ▼ 27
Osaka	Cloudy	▲ 57 ▼ 53
Paris	Showers	▲ 50 ▼ 39
Pusan	Rain	▲ 56 ▼ 39
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 61 ▼ 51
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 52 ▼ 36
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 66 ▼ 45
Seoul	Rain	▲ 45 ▼ 27
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 56 ▼ 48
Washington, DC	Windy	▲ 48 ▼ 31

Tides				
Saipan Harbor				
4:43 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet	
11:03 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet	
5:42 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet	
11:18 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet	



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line extends from just west of Wake Island near 21N164E to 16N156E to 13N150E through the Marianas near Guam to 12N135E to beyond 130E at 14N. Cloudiness and scattered showers are occurring along and up to 380 miles northwest of the shear line. Another weak shear line extends west-southwestward from 16N180 to 13N175E to 10N168E. Cloudiness and light showers are found along and up to 300 miles north of the shear line. Converging low-level winds are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Yap and Koror between 2N and 5N from 133E to 141E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Majuro between 4N and 7N from 170E to 180. A shear line remnant extends from 13N160E to just north of Chuuk near 9N150E to 8N140E. Low level clouds and scattered showers can be found along and within 150 miles north of the boundary.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:46 AM	6:15 PM	Today	10:37 PM	9:53 AM
Saturday	6:46 AM	6:16 PM	Saturday	11:33 PM	10:38 AM
Sunday	6:46 AM	6:16 PM	Sunday		11:25 AM
Monday	6:45 AM	6:16 PM	Monday	12:31 AM	12:17 PM
Tuesday	6:45 AM	6:17 PM	Tuesday	1:31 AM	1:12 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES					ARRIVALS				
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)					GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN				
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7		UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7	
UA5062	4:40am	5:30am	1, 3, 5		UA5071	7:05am	7:55am	Daily	
UA5068	8:25am	9:15am	Daily		UA5073	9:50am	10:40am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	
UA5074	11:10am	12:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7		UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7	
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily		UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily	
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily		UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily	
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily						
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)					NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:00am	8:40am	Daily		DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily	
DL285	6:35am	9:15am	1, 3, 5, 7		DL286	7:40pm	12:15am+1	2, 4, 6, 7	
DL297	4:25pm	7:20pm	Daily		DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily	
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)					OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN				
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily		OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily	
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)					BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 6, 7		OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 5, 6	
OZ608	3:30am	6:40am	3		OZ607	9:35pm	2:25am+1	2	
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)					SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN				
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1		OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily	
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX	
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX		OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7	
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily		OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)					SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN				
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7		3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7	
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)					BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN				
MU7108	3:50am	7:00am	1, 5		MU7107	7:40pm	2:55am+1	4, 7	
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)					GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN				
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6		3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5	
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)					VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN				
XF1734	6:30am	12:30pm	5		XF1733	8:00pm	12:05am+1	4	
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)					MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN				
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1		OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN	
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		DL172/288	8:05am	1:15am+1	Daily via NRT	
UA5070/191	4:35am	10:00am	6 via GUM		UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM	
UA5070/191	4:40am	10:00am	3		UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM	
DL287/173	6:00am	10:25pm	Daily via NRT		OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN	
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:30pm	2, 5 via GUM		OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM		PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN		UA184/5071	10:55pm	7:55am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM		UA184/5071	11:59pm	7:55am+1	2, 5 via GUM	
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)					HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN				
OZ606/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN		OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN	
OZ606/721	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN	
UA5076/147	3:10pm	10:30pm	1, 5 via GUM		OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
OZ604/749	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN		UA180/5071	11:25pm	10:40am+1	1 via GUM	
					UA180/5077	11:25pm	6:25pm+1	5 via GUM	

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency		
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily		
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily		
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily		
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily		
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily		
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily		
Rota-Saipan									
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily						
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan					
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily		
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily		
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily		
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily		
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily		
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily		
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily		
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily		
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily		
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily		
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily		
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily		
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily		
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily						

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Evaporated water

A picture tells a story, and what we learned from newspaper reports about MVA's Year 2012 tourists arrival data was a story indeed, but the explanation about the data is lost like evaporated water. First we were told that the December 2012 tourist arrival number was 12 percent greater than that of December 2011. In addition, the cumulative total tourists arrival for the year 2012 was 17 percent better than the cumulative total arrivals of the Year 2011. This information seems to suggest that just for the linear period in question, the descriptive statistics is showing a north-east direction, which is positive. Then, for whatever rea-

son, the total tourists arrivals for Year 2012 was compared to the number of arrivals in 2006. In hindsight, one would read the numbers as representing a period of decline, then the turning point is footnoted with the most current tourist arrival data. This engineered-to-amaze news release is just that, and without the proper tables and graphs of the actual tourist arrivals data, we would never be able to figure out whether all the monies appropriated for MVA's operations are giving us the greatest bang for the dollar.

The bullet points in Mr. Perry Tenorio's explanation alluded to some factors in which he stated

as playing a role in the positive numbers for the Year 2012, including: more available air seats; cost-effective marketing efforts; global economy; other international affairs working in our favor; and buy-in of the local community on tourism matters. Are these factors known unknowns that Mr. Tenorio expects any ordinary person in the CNMI to understand? What is he talking about? In terms of cost-effective marketing, if one does not have any comparative data to compare with, how in fairness did Mr. Tenorio figure out that what marketing efforts in 2012 was better in itself? The assertion on global economy suggests that every event and element in the global economy on earth is good for the CNMI. What are the international af-

fairs working in our favor? International affairs and global situations have endless possibilities, but it seems that one would not settle with either. If we don't get the right information, then what is being reported is of no value to any one. Does Mr. Tenorio expect people to heed what he is saying and then insert that into the concept of buy-in of the NMI people for the good of the tourism industry of these islands? All these only open suspicion on the manner in which MVA spent the appropriated funds for its marketing effort. Or is there an agenda being nursed and cooked up that we should know about? Nevertheless, MVA should expect more scrutiny from ordinary people in the CNMI and

that is just fair game and part of constructive discussion in a deliberative democracy.

Francisco R. Agulto
Kannat Tabla, Saipan

AIR LANE

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a cough in the prolonged cold of winter up Dong Bei (Manchuria) way whose carbon-laden skies had seen blue only twice in the last 30 days, we self-quarantined ourselves from visiting the nursing home so as not to expose the residents to additional possible intruders now that the flu has been seen to be rampant across the country. Mother's attending physician exuded gratitude upon learning of our intermediate decision.

Mother Nature is not as tranquil. The overcast sky above the famed Ala Moana skyline (taken from the Pagoda Hotel where CNMI medical referrals are usually billeted) has yet to clear since we arrived. Hearing of the tornado watches and path wreckages in the Midwest, along with the rain undrained in unabated floods elsewhere, and the droughts where a drop of rain could sustain life heading toward oblivion, makes us wonder if Gaia has reached her nerves' end.

The human fast track, however, stays unabated, and Saipan can consider itself lucky to remain in the periphery of "progress" as tremors accompany the world turn.

TOURISM

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tion. Tour organizers need to be convinced about the value and financial benefits of offering the CNMI as a destination to their clients. Airlines need to be convinced about the destination's profitability and tourists need to be convinced that they get the right value for their money.

I admit, it looks like a bootstrapping challenge and a bit of a chicken-or-the egg problem, but we know from the past that the CNMI can do it. We need a brand image that reflects the CNMI's unique qualities and speaks to the desires of potential tourists. We need to make the CNMI visible through agencies, advertisement, and social media. We need to have the infrastructure and logistics in place to conveniently transfer and accommodate the hopefully growing number of tourists. And we need to have capable human resources to ensure that our tourists have a great stay and high incentives to recommend this destination to others. That we are a safe place and have clean beaches should be taken for granted.

Let me close with the slogan I learned at the CNMI Annual Tourism Summit: Tourism is Everybody's Business!



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UFO releases menu for cooking competition

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Participants in the *Panlasang Pinoy* cooking competition can now brush up on their recipes after organizers announced the set menu.

United Filipino Organization president Annamae Adaza said yesterday that amateur and professional cooks who want to join the contest will have to prepare shrimp and fish combination for their main dish, crispy *kangkong* fritters for appetizer, pork *sinigang* for soup, *ensalada* for salad, and heart-shaped banana or taro-based dessert.

Adaza said they are still looking for more contestants in the culinary challenge, adding that the \$25 registration fee will be waived for event vendors who want to join the competition.

"It's time to show the cooking

skills and talents of Filipinos," she said.

Panlasang Pinoy is one of the highlights of *Pusong Pinoy* 2013, UFO's signature Valentine event on Feb. 17, Sunday, at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Another highlight is the Ms. *Pusong Pinoy* beauty pageant, which Adaza said has brought in nine candidates. This contest is open to young ladies 15 to 21 years old who will vie for the coveted crown, cash prizes, and other gifts.

Adaza said that slots are still open for other contests, including the duet singing contest and group and individual dance competitions.

UFO affiliate Triskelion Group will be conducting free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings while Hardt Eye Clinic will offer free vision screening. Adaza disclosed that they are still waiting for con-

firmation from the Division of Public Health, which plans to offer flu shots to the public.

The president added that they have yet to hear whether or not the Philippine Consulate General in Guam will conduct mobile consular services during the festivities.

Meanwhile, UFO continues to seek monetary or in-kind donations for prizes and medical supplies that will be used at the Valentine event.

"Any donation will go a long way and all donors will be acknowledged during the event," said Adaza.

For more information about the cooking contest, contact Marlon Regaton at 789-4600; for singing and dance contests, Olive Yana at 989-9823; for Ms. *Pusong Pinoy*, contact Lyn Deazeta at 989-3845, Bok Enano at 287-9756 or Joel Vallega at 898-1721; for donations, call or text Adaza at 483-5237 or Mario Mayuga at 285-1021.

Fitial nominates Hartig as new public defender

Governor Benigno R. Fitial nominated Assistant Public Defender Doug Hartig yesterday to serve as the new public defender. Hartig's nomination now heads to the Senate for its advice and consent. If confirmed, Hartig will fill the post vacated by Adam Hardwicke, whose resignation takes effect today, Feb. 1.

"Throughout his 13 years of

service at the Office of the Public Defender, Mr. Hartig has proven his commitment to public service and his passion to help our community. The lieutenant governor and I are confident he will serve the Commonwealth to the best of his ability as the new public defender," said Fitial.

The governor expressed his deep appreciation for Hartig's

willingness to serve the Commonwealth in this capacity.

Hartig attained his juris doctorate from St. Louis University and has passed the bar in Illinois, Missouri, and the CNMI. He also as a former assistant public defender in Clayton, Missouri.

The PDO defends indigent clients facing criminal charges. (Office of the Governor)



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Neighborhood Watch lauds two businesses for their aid

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Saipan Neighborhood Watch recognized yesterday two companies that have supported the group's crime prevention and island beautification efforts through generous donations.

Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho, along with District 4 community leaders William Lely and Edwin Kaipat, presented certificates of appreciation to owner Ting Jian Tang of Kevin's Mart and president and general manager James Ripple of All Parts, Inc., the parent company of Car Quest, during a brief ceremony at the Saipan & Northern Islands Leadership Memorial Kiosk in Chalan Kanoa.

Tang, whose commercial in-

terests on island also include contractor concession and house rentals, said his company donated trash cans and a security camera system to prevent any illegal activities in the kiosk area.

"We're part of the community and we want to make it more beautiful and safe. I love this island, this community," Tang said in an interview.

Ripple's company yesterday donated a brand new brushcutter that will be used by volunteers to clear and maintain Chalan Kanoa and other villages on island, removing likely hideouts of thieves and other criminals.

Ripple recounted that Chalan Kanoa used to be branded a "village of smells" because of the various odors that are given off when residents would burn all kinds of trash. With the coun-

cil's revitalization initiative, Ripple noted that the stigma has been gradually removed.

"I support everything RB and the municipal council is doing. We're fully behind them. It's a good program, something that's long overdue. Hopefully, there would be more businesses that would get involved. If they really care for the island, they will get involved. It's really all about caring," Ripple told *Saipan Tribune*.

Council chair Camacho, one of the pioneers of the Saipan Neighborhood Watch, acknowledged both companies for seeing the importance of the program, which would not have succeeded without the support of the business community.

"The public and the business community must come together to promote a safe and healthy living environment for everyone," he said, urging other businesses to support the initiative.

Camacho also expressed his appreciation to the team leaders and other volunteers of the Saipan Neighborhood Watch, who are instrumental in revitalizing their respective villages.

Team leader Kaipat said the program has opened doors for the community to work together. He added that the program's



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho, standing left, is joined by District 4 team leaders William Lely and Edwin Kaipat in presenting certificates of appreciation to president and general manager James Ripple of All Parts, Inc. and owner Ting Jian Tang of Kevin's Mart during yesterday's ceremony at the Saipan & Northern Islands Leadership Memorial Kiosk in Chalan Kanoa. Camacho and council member Antonia M. Tudela, not in photo, urged other businesses to support their community-driven initiative.

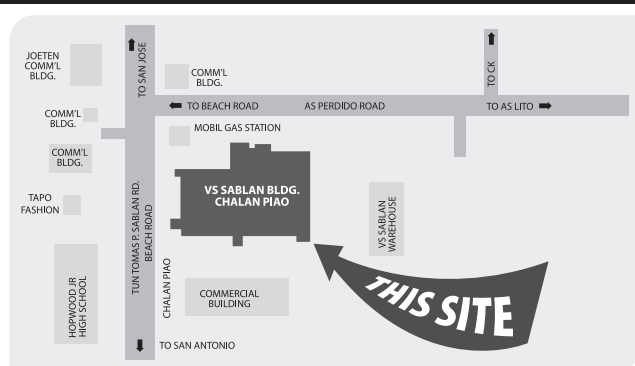
exposure also helps attract more volunteers and sponsors, includ-

ing the island's visitors.

"We've managed to get to-

gether for the benefit of the entire community," said Kaipat.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

- PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - Adoption of Minutes
 - Tuesday, November 27, 2012 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
- CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - NMHC Annual Report – Division Highlights, Challenges, and Goals
 - LIHTC Program – Draft 2013 and 2014 QAP
 - USDA RD Guaranty and Plan of Action
 - CDBG Updates
 - Program and Housing Division Updates
 - Mortgage & Credit Division
 - Loans for Review and Approval
 - Payment Assistance Request
 - Tottotville Home Improvements
 - Board Resolution No. 81
- FIELD OFFICE REPORTS**
 - Rota Field Office
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- FISCAL AFFAIRS**
 - Unaudited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2012
 - Actual vs. Budget Comparison as of December 31, 2012
 - Fiscal Division RFP
 - Investment of Section 8 Admin Fees
 - 2012 Draft Audit Report
- LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT**
- EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- OTHER MATTERS**
- ADJOURNMENT**

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ **MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board

HSC-25 to mark 29 years of service in Guam, CNMI

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (25 will celebrate its 29th anniversary on Feb. 3.

Known as the Island Knights, the squadron was commissioned on Feb. 3, 1984, and is based at Andersen Air Force Base where they provide 24-hour search and rescue, medical evacuation, aerial firefighting, force protection and disaster relief for Guam and the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands.

As the only rescue-capable helicopter unit in the region, the Island Knights are on continuous alert and work closely with the U.S. Coast Guard and Guam Fire Rescue. The squadron also trains two detachments that deploy from Guam for months at a time, providing logistical and SAR support to the Navy's 7th Fleet.

In addition to their diverse and demanding mission set, the squadron also stands ready

to deploy a two-helicopter humanitarian relief detachment anywhere in the world within 24 hours should the need arise.

The squadron's 70 officers and 330 enlisted personnel fly and maintain a fleet of 10 multi-mission MH-60S Knighthawk helicopters. They execute a diverse mission set, including vertical replenishment of ships at sea, special operations support, combat SAR, anti-surface warfare, air ambulance, and maritime interdiction operations.

Prior to its placement at Andersen AFB, HSC-25 was the designated provider of Helicopter Combat Support Squadron 5 based at Naval Air Station Agana. In 1996, upon the closure of the air station, the squadron moved to Andersen AFB.

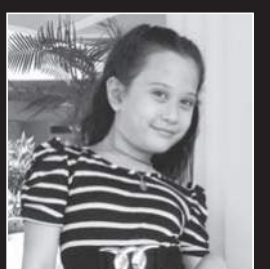
HSC-25 is proud of the squadron's role in the Guam community and looks forward to many more years of service to its people. (PR)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy 24th birthday to Richard Delacruz! May your day be filled with lots of love and joy! We love you and may God bless you for many more years to come! Greetings come from your Jones-Castro family!

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Happy 8th birthday, Analyn! Be happy and keep that beautiful smile you have. We love you! Greetings come from your family.

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Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

US economy shifted into reverse in late 2012

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. economy shrank unexpectedly late last year, a reminder of the biggest threat it faces in 2013: sharp government spending cuts and prolonged political budget

fight. A plunge in defense spending helped push the economy into negative territory for the first time since mid-2009. The contraction in the October-December quarter came in at an annual rate of 0.1 percent, according to a government estimate released Wednesday. The likelihood of another recession appears remote.

The economy is forecast to grow around 2 percent this year.

Boeing sticks to production plans, battery for 787

Boeing is sticking with plans to speed up production of its 787 and sees no reason to drop the troubled lithium-ion batteries at

the center of the plane's problems, CEO Jim McNerney said Wednesday. A fire and emergency landing earlier this month, both involving the batteries, prompted regulators to ground Boeing's newest and highest-profile plane. McNerney said "good progress" is being made in finding the cause of the prob-

lems. But he didn't have a timeline for when the plane would get back in the air. (AP)

Oil rises near \$98 even as US economy contracts

Oil finished near \$98 Wednesday, maintaining the momentum that has driven it to four-month highs and pushed up prices at the pump.

A report that showed the U.S. economy unexpectedly contracted in the fourth quarter tempered the gains a bit. Still, oil rose 37 cents to finish at \$97.94 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That's the ninth increase in the last 11 trading sessions and oil shows a gain of \$6 a barrel for the year so far. (AP)

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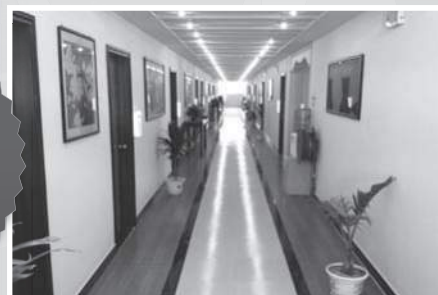
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Nation

Giffords pleads for gun curbs; NRA fights back

WASHINGTON (AP)—Severely wounded and still recovering, former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords begged lawmakers at an emotional hearing Wednesday to act quickly to curb firearms because “Americans are counting on you.” Not everyone agreed, underscoring the national political divide over gun control. Giffords’ 80-word plea was the day’s most riveting moment, delivered in a hushed, halting voice two years after the Arizona Democrat suffered head wounds in a Tucson shooting spree that killed six people. The session also came two months after 20

first-graders and six women were slain by a gunman who invaded Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

At the same hearing, a top official of the National Rifle Association rejected Democratic proposals to ban assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines and said requiring background checks for all gun purchases would be ineffective because the Obama administration isn’t doing enough to enforce the law as it is.

Even if stronger background checks did identify a criminal, “as long as you let him go,

you’re not keeping him from getting a gun and you’re not preventing him from getting to the next crime scene,” said Wayne LaPierre, the NRA’s executive vice president. He said poor enforcement is “a national disgrace.”

Giffords, who retired from Congress last year, focused during her brief appearance on the carnage from armed assailants.

“Too many children are dying,” she said at the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing. “Too many children. We must do something. It will be hard, but the time is now.”

Guiding her in and remaining

to testify was Mark Kelly, the retired astronaut who is Giffords’ husband. The couple, who both own guns, has formed a political

action committee called Americans for Responsible Solutions that backs lawmakers who support gun restrictions. “We’re sim-

ply two reasonable Americans who realize we have a problem with gun violence and we need Congress to act,” Kelly said.



AP

Former Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who was seriously injured in the mass shooting that killed six people in Tucson, Ariz. two years ago, sits with her husband, Mark Kelly, right, a retired astronaut, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013.

ACROSS THE NATION

Police: 1 dead in Ariz. shooting, suspect on loose

PHOENIX (AP)—A gunman opened fire at a Phoenix office complex on Wednesday, killing one person, wounding two others and setting off a manhunt. Police warned the public that he was “armed and dangerous.” Authorities identified the suspect as 70-year-old Arthur Douglas Harmon, who they said opened fire at the end of a mediation session. They identified a man who died hours after the late morning shooting as 48-year-old Steve Singer. Police said a 43-year-old man was listed in critical condition and a 32-year-old woman suffered non-life threatening injuries.

Teen performer at inaugural events fatally shot

CHICAGO (AP)—A 15-year-old girl who had performed in President Barack Obama’s inauguration festivities is the latest face on the ever-increasing homicide toll in the president’s hometown, killed in a Chicago park as she talked with friends by a gunman who apparently was not even aiming at her. Chicago police said Hadiya Pendleton was in a park about a mile from Obama’s home in a South Side neighborhood Tuesday afternoon when a man opened fire on the group. Hadiya was shot in the back as she tried to escape.

Newtown families hope massacre transforms nation

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP)—Newtown officials and parents of children killed in last month’s elementary school massacre called on lawmakers Wednesday to turn the tragedy into “the moment of transformation” by banning high-powered, military-style rifles and high-capacity magazines while providing better care to the mentally ill and requiring more background checks for gun owners. State lawmakers are considering possible changes to laws and policies affecting guns, mental health and school safety.

Standoff: Ala. gunman kills bus driver, seizes boy

MIDLAND CITY, Ala. (AP)—A gunman holed up in a bunker with a 6-year-old hostage kept law officers at bay Wednesday in an all-night, all-day standoff that began when he killed a school bus driver and dragged the boy away, authorities said. SWAT teams took up positions around the gunman’s rural property and police negotiators tried to win the kindergartener’s safe release. The gunman WAS identified by neighbors as Jimmy Lee Dykes, a 65-year-old retired truck driver. He had been scheduled to appear in court Wednesday morning to answer charges he shot at his neighbors in a dispute last month over a speed bump.

Powerful storms flip cars, decimate homes; 2 dead

ADAIRSVILLE, Ga. (AP)—A massive storm system raked the Southeast on Wednesday, generating tornadoes and dangerous winds that flipped cars on a major Georgia interstate, demolished homes and businesses and killed at least two people. WSB-TV in Atlanta aired footage of an enormous funnel cloud bearing down on Adairsville where the storm ripped through the city’s downtown. Winds flattened homes and wiped out parts of a large manufacturing plant in the city about 60 miles northwest of Atlanta. Pieces of insulation hung from trees and

power poles, and a bank was missing a big chunk of its roof.

A 51-year-old man was killed when a tree crashed through the mobile home roof, and nine were hospitalized for minor injuries, emergency management officials said. Residents said no traces remained of some roadside produce stands—a common sight on rural Georgia’s back roads. One other death was reported in Tennessee when an uprooted tree fell onto a storage shed where a man had taken shelter.

The storms tossed vehicles on Interstate 75 onto their roofs, closing the highway for a time.

In Adairsville, the debris in one yard showed just how dangerous the storm had been: a bathtub, table, rolls of toilet paper and lumber lay in the grass next to what appeared to be a roof. Sheets of metal dangled from a large tree like ornaments.

“The sky was swirling,” said Theresa Chitwood, who owns the Adairsville Travel Plaza. She said she went outside to move her car because she thought it was going to hail. Instead, the storm decimated a building behind the plaza. Wind gusts were powerful enough to flip several tractor-trailers onto their sides in the parking lot.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Procurement and Delivery of Thirty (30) Proximity Fire Coats and Proximity Fire Pants for the Saipan International Airport Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Department
RFP No. CPA-RFP-001-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is requesting for sealed proposals for procurement and delivery of thirty (30) brand new Globe B7U Proximity Fire Coat and thirty (30) Globe Proximity Fire Pants to the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Department at the Saipan International Airport.

All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all shipping and handling charges and taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract, including excise tax. Size information can be picked up at the CPA Administration Office, 2nd floor of the Saipan International Airport's Arrival Terminal. Additional details are as follows:

Globe B7U Proximity Fire Coat

1. NFPA Compliant
2. 32" Length
3. Seven (7) ounce PBI/Kevlar Aluminized Outer Shell
4. 82 Arale Thermal Liner
5. Stedair Moisture Barrier
6. Zipper Inner Closure/Velcro Outer Closure
7. Dual Action Cargo Pockets, 9" x 9" with Hand Warmers
8. Self-Material Reinforced Elbows
9. PBI Hand and Wrist Guards
10. 13P Radio Pocket on Left Chest, 3" x 3.5" x 9" with Antenna Notch on Left Side
11. DRD Drag Rescue Device
12. Arashield Cuffs
13. Action Back
14. Thermally Enhanced Upper Body and Elbows
15. 12" Throat Tab
16. All other standard features of the GX-7
17. Up to Size S8

Globe Proximity Fire Pant

1. NFPA Compliant
2. Seven (7) ounce PBI/Kevlar Aluminized Outer Shell
3. 82 Arale Thermal Liner
4. Stedair Moisture Barrier
5. O'Back Bib
6. 2" x 10" x 10" Cargo Pockets
7. Expansion Knees
8. Flared Leg Design
9. Arashield Cuffs
10. Reverse Boot Cut
11. Replaceable Self-Material Knees with Sewn on Frame
12. 11" Back Suspenders
13. Up to Size S8

All proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than **4:30 p.m., Monday, February 25, 2013.**

The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Delivery timeframe;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License.

Inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals shall be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@picom.com no later than February 8, 2013.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ **EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO** Date: January 25, 2013
Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-13-014

GROUND MAINTENANCE SERVICES
FOR CUC WATER & WASTEWATER FACILITIES, SAIPAN

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms capable of providing Ground Maintenance Services for CUC Water and Wastewater facilities in Saipan, in compliance with USEPA inspection and sanitary survey requirements.

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of \$80.00 for one set, at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-13-014, Ground Maintenance Services for CUC Water and Wastewater facilities, Saipan” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on February 21, 2013, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A mandatory pre-bid conference followed by a site visit is scheduled for January 31, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Saipan, to ensure prospective bidders are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the site conditions.

CUC will award a contract to more than one firm for said services, based on bids for “Service Section” pursuant to Scope-of-Work.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidder due to lack of information or understanding of the site conditions in the course of bidder’s preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract. The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on February 8, 2013 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Paul Raczkowski, Water/Wastewater Manager via address paul.raczkowski@cucgov.org

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- Minimum Education: High school graduate
- Minimum Experience: Two years of experience in a related field/similar role or in a high volume hospitality environment at as a Front Desk or Guest Relations Staff
- Ability to speak and write in Russian
- Ability to work flexible hours including nights, weekends, and holidays
- Excellent communication, organizational, and multitasking skills are a must
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World

Navy hiring giant cranes to help remove ship from reef

HONOLULU (AP)—The U.S. Navy is hiring floating cranes to help with the dismantling and removal of a mine-sweeper that ran aground on coral reef off the Philippines, a spokesman said Wednesday.

A contractor in Singapore is sending the cranes, which should arrive on site in a few days, said U.S. Pacific Fleet spokesman Capt. Darryn James said.

It's expected to take over a month to dismantle the USS Guardian, which ran aground before dawn on Jan. 17.

Crews have already removed 15,000 gallons of fuel from the ship. They've also taken off hundreds of gallons of lubricating oil and paint. They'll be removing human wastewater and other materials that could harm the environment, James said.

The Navy originally said the Guardian would be lifted by crane onto a barge and taken to a shipyard. But James says damage to the ship is "beyond economical repair" and the

Navy now plans to dismantle the ship before it's removed.

Taking the ship apart will allow the Navy to limit damage the salvage operation causes the reef, James said.

"That is important to us," James said by telephone from Pacific Fleet's headquarters in Pearl Harbor. The Navy cares about being good environmental stewards and regrets the incident, he said.

The Navy has presented the ship removal plan to the Philippines, which is reviewing it.

"We're working very closely with the Philippine coast guard, with their navy and their government personnel. We've been grateful for their support as we all work together to remove guardian and minimize further damage to the reef," James said.

No one was injured when the ship ran aground at the reef in the Tubbataha National Marine Park. The park is a World Heritage Site in the Sulu Sea, about 400 miles southwest of Manila.

WORLD BRIEFS

Israeli jets bomb military target in Syria

BEIRUT (AP)—Israel launched a rare airstrike inside Syria, U.S. officials said Wednesday, targeting a convoy believed to contain anti-aircraft weapons bound for Hezbollah militants in Lebanon. The attack adds a potentially flammable new element to tensions already heightened by Syria's civil war. Regional security officials said the strike, which occurred overnight Tuesday, targeted a site near the Lebanese border, while a Syrian army statement said it destroyed a military research center northwest of the capital, Damascus.

Brazil nightclub owner blames country for fire

SANTA MARIA, Brazil (AP)—The owner of a nightclub in southern Brazil where more than 230 people died in a fire last weekend deflected blame to "the whole country," as well as to architects and inspectors charged with making sure the building was safe, his lawyer said Wednesday. Attorney Jader Marques said his client, Elissandro Spohr, "regretted having ever been born" because of his grief over the fire, but still blamed Sunday's tragedy on "a succession of errors made by the whole country."

Magnitude-6.8 earthquake shakes northern Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—A magnitude-6.8 earthquake shook offices, toppled super-

market shelves and broke windows on Wednesday in north-central Chile, where people fled some buildings in panic. A 50-year-old woman in the city of Copiapo died of a heart attack, said Atacama Regional Governor Rafael Prohens, who attributed her death to fear during the quake. Authorities said that damage was limited and discounted the possibility of a tsunami.

Bomb kills 3 suspected militants in Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—A bomb blast killed three suspected militants in Pakistan's largest city Wednesday as they were carrying out preparations for a deadly attack, police said. The suspected militants were attempting to put the bomb in the trunk of a taxi when it went off, said senior police officer Aleem Jafri. The device exploded accidentally. The men had prepared three other bombs, but they did not explode and were defused by police.

Bomb in Afghan market kills 2 children

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The Afghan government says a bomb has exploded in an open-air market in eastern Afghanistan, killing two small children. The governor's office for Khost province says in a statement that the bomb was hidden under a stall in the main bazaar in Sabari district. It went off Wednesday while a group of police officers were passing by.

French capture Islamists' last major Malian town

SEVARE, Mali (AP)—French forces met no resistance Wednesday in Kidal, the Islamists' last major town, as the two-week-old mission scored another success in its effort to dislodge the al-Qaida-linked militants from northern Mali.

The capture of Kidal came just days after French and Malian forces retook two other provincial capitals—Gao and Timbuktu—that also had been under harsh Islamic rule for nearly 10 months.

"Nobody questions France's rapid deployment but the ability to hold on to the cities and territory is an immense chal-

lenge. It is not clear how they will be able to sustain the recent gains," said Alex Vines, head of the Africa program at Chatham House.

"The Islamist extremists have not been defeated; they have melted into the heat haze of the desert."

Many fear the Islamists now will attempt to hide among civilian populations in small outlying villages, only to return and attack the weaker African forces once the French are gone.

The Islamists are believed to have an elaborate system of caves and other desert hideouts that they have constructed



over the last year as momentum for a West African regional military intervention stalled.

The Islamist fighters fired on French forces when they arrived in Gao, though the militants had deserted Timbuktu by the time forces arrived there on Monday, damaging the airport's runway in acts of vengeance as they fled.

Haminy Maiga, the interim president of the Kidal regional assembly, said French forces also met no resistance when they arrived late Tuesday in Kidal.

"The French arrived at 9:30 p.m. aboard four planes, which landed one after another."

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 03-01428
vs.	AMENDED NOTICE OF AUCTION FOR TRACT 22089-2
EUGENE R. CLOTHIER and MONA M.T. CLOTHIER Defendants.	

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Eugene R. and Mona M.T. Clothier in the following described, real property situated in Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction.

Tract 22089-2 (Part of Tract 22089, AH 238-77), containing an area of 29,092 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3005/89, the original of which was recorded 17 Jan 89 as Document No. 89-0164 at Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, February 22, 2013**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

- Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
- Reserve.** The auction shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
 - To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is stuck off, without at any time before any specific property is stuck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
- Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
- Deposit; Payment.** A deposit of ten (10%) percent of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
- Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Eugene R. and Mona M.T. Clothier in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property or its title will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 17th day of January 2013.
/s/ AMBROSIO T. OGUMORO,
Commissioner Department of Public Safety

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-0480
vs.	NOTICE OF AUCTION
LIANA S. HOFSCHEIDER, individually, and dba ISA SERVICE STATION, and RICHARD U. HOFSCHEIDER, Defendants.	

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Liana S. Hofschneider, individually, and dba Isa Service Station and Richard U. Hofschneider in the following described, real property situated in the CNMI will be sold at an auction.

Lot No. 057 T 99. Tinian, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 057 T 02, the original of which was recorded 05 February 1991 as Document No. 91-820 at Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

Real property located in As Lito, Saipan, legally identified as **Tract No. 22507-5**, containing an area of 1,100 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on DLS Check No. 2148/88, approved by the Chief Lands and Survey's Divisions, dated July 15, 1988, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

Lot No. 003 T 55 (part of Lot 033 T 39), formerly known as Block 14, Lot 2), situated in the island of Tinian, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 003 T 01, the original of which was recorded December 13, 1976 as Document No. 572 T, La Laine Ferry, Saipan, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, February 22, 2013**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

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Dated this 17th day of January 2013.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-0022
vs.	NOTICE OF AUCTION
JOSEPH M. MENDIOLA, JUANITA M. MENDIOLA, and CARLEEN H. PALACIOS, Defendants.	

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Joseph M. Mendiola, Juanita M. Mendiola, and Carleen H. Palacios in the following described real property situated in the island of Tinian, CNMI will be sold at an auction.

Lot No. 006 T 172 as shown in the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 006 T 06 dated September 28, 1983, on file in said Office, said land containing an area of 1,048 square meters, more or less, and is situated in San Jose Village, Tinian, Mariana Islands, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

and

500 Square Meters out of Lot No. 022 T 04 as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 022 T 04 dated May 13, 1982, on file in said office. Most specifically where the Lito Print Shop is currently located. Further described as follows: 22.361 meters 1 A of boundary line S 85 degrees 10 minutes 40 seconds E to point B; 22.361 meters from point B to point C at S 5 degrees 6 minutes 00 seconds W; 22.361 meters from point C to point D at N 85 degrees 10 minutes and 40 seconds W; 22.361 meters from Point D to Point 1 A at N 5 degrees 6 minutes and 00 seconds E, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

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 - To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
- Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
- Deposit; Payment.** A deposit of ten (10%) percent of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
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- Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Joseph M. Mendiola, Juanita M. Mendiola, and Carleen H. Palacios in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property or its title will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 17th day of January 2013.
/s/ AMBROSIO T. OGUMORO
Commissioner Department of Public Safety

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-0677
vs.	NOTICE OF AUCTION
GUERRERO BROTHERS, INC., PEDRO R. GUERRERO, HERMAN R. GUERRERO, PILAR M. GUERRERO, and LUCY P. GUERRERO, Defendants.	

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Guerrero Brothers, Inc., Pedro R. Guerrero, Herman R. Guerrero, Pilar M. Guerrero, and Lucy P. Guerrero in the following described real property situated in the Garapan, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction.

All of that tract or parcel of land in the Garapan District of Saipan, MP, known as the **Northern Portion of Lot No. 1811** as shown on Lands and Claims Map No. 5 on file with the Clerk of Court, Saipan, MP, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The above tract of land is bounded on the North by a portion of Lot No. 1813, and a portion of Lot No. 1815, on the East by a portion of Lot No. 1812, on the South by the remainder of Lot No. 1811 and on the West by a portion of Lot No. 1815. Said parcel of land contains 2.0 hectares, more or less, subject to survey.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, February 22, 2013**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

- Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
- Reserve.** The auction shall be held with reserve.
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Dated this 17th day of January 2013.
/s/ AMBROSIO T. OGUMORO
Commissioner Department of Public Safety

In Celebration of Her New Life

Theodora Taman Palacios Camacho

Lovingly known as "Do"

Born on November 9, 1928

*Was called to eternal life on January 27, 2013
at the age of 84*

In her new life she now joins:

Father: Jose Fausto Palacios

Mother: Rita Taman Palacios

Brothers: Francisco T. Palacios & Nicolas T. Palacios

Grandchildren: Jose P. Aquino & Jared P. Quitugua

Great-grandchild: Maria Kiani H. Cepeda

She is survived by:

Spouse: Felipe SN Camacho

Children: Marylee (Juan E. Aquino) & children

Rebecca (Phil Farmer) & children

Margaret P. Camacho & son

Rita P. Camacho (Luis C. Cepeda) & children

Reina C. Quitugua (Joseph Quitugua)

Sisters-in-law: Maria I. Palacios & Rosario S. Palacios

Siblings: Estefania (Fancyn) P. & Bob Scruggs

Angel T. & Bennet Palacios

Thomasa (Bacha) P. & Milton J. Coleman, Sr.

*"Nan Do" is additionally survived by: 13 Grandchildren, 29
Great-Grandchildren, 2 Great-Great-grandchildren, & numerous
nieces and nephews.*

*Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00 p.m. at the San Vicente Church
beginning on January 28, 2013*

*On Monday, February 4, 2013, her remains will be escorted from
Nuestra Senora dela Paz Chapel to the Mount Carmel Cathedral at
8:00 a.m. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.
immediately followed by interment service at the Chalan Kanoa
cemetery.*

Your presence, thoughts, and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay, & Thank you from The Family

In Loving Memory of †Manuel Castro Villagomez

Born on December 14, 1948

*and was called to eternal rest
on January 24, 2013*

In his new life, he now joins his:

Father: †Vicente Seman Villagomez

Mother: †Rosalia Castro Villagomez

Sisters: †Anna Villagomez, †Maria Villagomez, †Virginia Kalp

His loving memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Dolores S. Villagomez

Children: Rick/Lillian, Reagan/Joan, Jeff/Jereesa, Jennifer/Marvin, Rosalyn,
Manuel "JR"/Tracy

Grandchildren: Richie John, Maekaila, Kyle, Dazha, Ricardo, Syaie, Jevaughn,
Kancia, Ricco, Reagan Junior

Brothers and Sisters: Rita O' Haire, Frances Muna, Tona Winter, Connie Guerrero,
Pedro Villagomez, Diana Villagomez, Vicente Villagomez, Joseph Villagomez,
Raymond Villagomez, John Mendiola, Florence Mendiola

Daily mass is offered at San Vicente Church at 6:00pm, followed by the rosary.

His remains will arrive on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 2:20pm and will be
brought to Borja Funeral Home.

On Friday, February 1, 2013, at 7:30am, his remains will be escorted from Borja
Funeral Home to Mount Carmel Cathedral. Rosary will be offered at 8:00am,
followed by the final viewing and last respect.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11:00am, followed by the Interment
Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

The Family

In Loving Memory of

Lucia Ana DLG. Cabrera Acebo

"Mama Cia"

September 2, 1963 – January 25, 2013

Was called to her eternal rest on Friday, January 25, 2013 at the age of 49.

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears." — Psalm 34:4

She now joins in her new life:

Mother: †Florida Ramos DLG. Cabrera

Her peaceful spirit and loving memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Father: Jesus San Nicolas Cabrera

Children and Grandchildren:

Joyce Marie DLG. Cabrera (Jacoby Jace and Joshua Jr.)

Jewels Malia A. Cabrera (Malana Saige)

Sisters, Brothers, In-Laws, and Children:

Barbara C. and Juan Joseph Ch. Santos

Jesse James DLG. Cabrera (James Lee, Jocelyn Mira, Jared Drake, Jesse Jr., and Lamari Leann)

Prescillia DLG. Cabrera (Remae Magdalene and Florida Ines)

Marian C. and Lysander B. Tudela (Keoni, Ty, Lance, and Elle Brie)

Joan DLG. Cabrera

Lourdes C. and Alexander M. Villazon (Jesse Joseph, Chloette, and Alexander Jude)

Mary Madalene DLG. Cabrera (Zaughn Michael)

John Diego DLG. Cabrera

Survived by numerous aunties, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, Godchildren, and friends.

Mass is being offered nightly at 6:00 pm at the Saint Jude Church followed by the Holy Rosary. On Saturday,
February 2, 2013, at 7:30 am, her remains will be escorted from the Commonwealth Health Center Chapel to the
Mt. Carmel Cathedral for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am
immediately followed by Interment Services at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

*Si Yu'us Ma'ase
Ginen I Familia*

In Celebration of Her New Life

†Ana San Nicolas Camacho

Lovingly known as "Anan Pinchang"

August 15, 1947 – January 25, 2013

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children:

*Joseph SN. and Henie Cruz (Joewayne S. & Tammy Q. Cruz;
Joyner S. Cruz; Jennilyn S. Cruz & Charlie B. Palacios)*

*Angelo SN. and Librada Cruz (Angelee D. Cruz; Leeann D. Cruz;
Angelo D. Cruz, Jr., Lyn D. Cruz)*

*Vivian Cruz and Carlos Viches Rios (Frances Ann Cruz Natividad;
Annie SN. Cruz & Inas Acquiningoc; Charlie Bud SN. Cruz, Juan
Carlos Cruz Viches Rios)*

Brothers, Sisters, In-Laws:

*Florentina Camacho Pablo; Juanita Atalig Aguon; Lourdes T. Camacho;
Nan Chilang; Len Camacho; Joseph T. Camacho; Carlos T. Camacho;
Benny Camacho*

She will be greatly missed by her great grandchildren:

*Arianna Rose Cruz; Carther Joe Cruz Palacios; Avery Grace Cruz;
Ava Guerrero; Truman Goodnaugh*

**She will also be missed by her aunts, uncles, cousins,
godchildren, relatives and friends**

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:

Husband:

*†Arthur Tedtaotao Camacho
†Jose Reyes Cruz*

Mother: *†Laubina Atalig San Nicolas*

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:

†Geronimo Atalig San Nicolas; †Francisco Atalig San Nicolas; †Teofila Masga Deleon Guerrero

Nightly rosary is being prayed at San Jose Church on Tinian at 8:00 pm. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, February 05, 2013. Her remains will be escorted from Tinian Health Center to San Jose Church, Tinian at 7:30 am. Responso Services will be at 8:00 am followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment services will follow at Tinian cemetery.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS

Children & Families



Off The Wall



Gnomes to stay on Calif. utility poles for now

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Small paintings of gnomes that have popped up on utility poles have become a community sensation in Oakland, prompting Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to say Tuesday that it will keep them in place for now.

The hand-painted portraits on 6-inch blocks of wood began going up last year in an apparent effort to brighten up the blue-collar California city. There are

currently more than 2,000 of the images on utility poles, with many screwed to the bases.

The gnomes have red hats, white beards and brown shoes. Some of the images contain a mushroom.

Word that PG&E planned to remove the paintings sparked an outpouring of support from residents who said the gnomes add character to the city.

PG&E spokesman Jason King planned to meet Tuesday with the artist, who requested to remain anonymous, and a member of the City Council.

A hand painted portrait of a gnome is shown on a utility pole near Lake Merritt Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013 in Oakland, Calif.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Police: Pa. man stopped for beer after breakout

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Police say a western Pennsylvania man stopped at a bar and had a beer minutes after he broke out of a police station holding cell after his arrest on an assault charge. The Washington County public defender's office on Wednesday declined to comment on the charges filed against 40-year-old Smith Township resident Timothy Bonner. Police say they were processing Bonner and had removed his handcuffs and placed him in the cell. That's when Bonner allegedly knocked the cell door off its hinges and ran away. After stopping at a house to borrow shoes, police say Smith went to Richy's Bar, where a customer tells WPXI-TV the suspect acknowledged breaking out of jail and then asked for a beer.

Search is on for golden cookie stolen in Germany

BERLIN (AP)—Missing: One golden cookie, weighing around 44 pounds (20 kilograms). Suspect: The Cookie Monster? The rectangular gilded bronze sculpture was part of a statue gracing the facade of German cookie baker Bahlsen's Hannover office. How the century-old symbol was taken remains unclear, but police say witnesses reported having seen two men with a ladder in the area earlier this month. The company has offered (EURO)1,000 (\$1,350) for information leading to the cookie's recovery. A police statement said a local newspaper received a picture Tuesday showing someone in an outfit similar to Sesame Street's Cookie Monster holding a golden cookie. The sender wrote to demand cookies be delivered to children at a city hospital.

Aspen reviews 14 mph speed limit to alert drivers

ASPEN, Colo. (AP)—Aspen city council members are considering a 14 mph speed limit in a residential area of the Colorado mountain town in attempt to

The utility hopes to eventually relocate the gnome paintings from the poles to other spots in the same neighborhoods.

"We've received a lot of feedback from residents who love the gnomes," King told The Associated Press. "We're looking for solutions. We'll keep them where people can enjoy them."

King said PG&E did not want to encourage such installations, explaining a proliferation of such images could cause damage or make it difficult for crews to access the poles.

get the attention of drivers and have them slow down. Residents say few drivers are obeying the current 25 mph speed limit and are ignoring other efforts to protect people. The Aspen Times reports Mayor Mick Ireland suggested an 18 mph limit because the number is out of the ordinary for a speed limit. After further discussion, council members decided to drop the proposed limit down to 14 mph.

Monkeys attack 7 people in east Indonesian village

MAKASSAR, Indonesia (AP)—A mob of wild monkeys has gone on a rampage in a village in eastern Indonesia, entering houses and attacking residents. Seven people were injured, including one who is in critical condition. Ambo Ella, a spokesman for Sidendeng Rappang District in South Sulawesi province, says the surprise attack by about 10 monkeys happened in Toddang Pulu village. He said Wednesday that a 16-year-old boy was badly bitten in the attack Monday and is being treated at the hospital. It's unclear why the monkeys, which are usually afraid of humans and flee when they hear human voices, emerged and attacked.

Roaming cows create havoc at Mass. cemetery

SOUTHAMPTON, Mass. (AP)—The vandals that damaged a Massachusetts cemetery this week have pleaded "moo." Police say a small herd of cows knocked over 40 American flags and veterans' bronze grave markers, then snacked on a few flower arrangements, at the Center Cemetery in Southampton on Monday. Motorists called to report that the cows were loose. Police contacted the owner, Henry Wykowski, who caught and removed the cows from the cemetery. Chief David Silvermail says the cows are an "ongoing problem," and his department has responded to complaints about the roaming bovines three or four times since last spring.

In Celebration of Her New Life

Fermina Taitano Castro Palacios

Lovingly known as "Minang"

Born: November 22, 1941 and was called to eternal rest on January 28, 2013

In her new life she now joins:

Parents: Jose De Castro / Rosa T. Aldan

Step Father: Jesus A. Aldan

Son: Francisco Castro Palacios

Parents-in-law: Jose San Miguel / Maria Santos Palacios

Brothers & Sisters: Maria Taitano, Danet Taitano, Tedoru Taitano, Maria Taitano, Joaquin T. Aldan, David T. Aldan & Juan T. Aldan

Sisters-in-law: Maria N. Aldan, Isabel P. Cabrera, & Dolores "Ling" P. Curley

Brothers-in-law: Jose S. Palacios & Joaquin Samuel Cabrera

Her loving memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Husband: Francisco "Dino" Santos Palacios

Children: Priscilla / Gloyd (Don Joseph, Brandon, Galelynn, Garnette & Gloyd Jr.)
Dino / Jennifer (Kimberly / Richard [Cheryl, Kiara, Richard Jr.],
Dina Marie, Britney Ann / Ray Jeremiah, Dino Jr., Spencer Jon,
Josie Beth, Nicole & AJ)
Elizabeth Marie / Larry (Chelsea Taylor)
Julie Ann / Kelvin (Joey Ignacio, Nina Marie & Francisco)
Jennifer / Moses (Kenneth Frankie / Leilani [Kennani Vinae], Almira, Lizann Marie & Moses Miguel)
Chavo / Niona (Camarin Nicole, Chavo Antony, Caden Antonio & Carly Rose)
Francisca / Juan San Nicolas (Monique, Mathew & P.J.)

Brothers & Sisters: Cornelio / Joaquina Castro; Jose / Margarita Castro;
Jesus / Teresita Aldan; Escolastica / Francisco Agulto;
Juliana / Juan Cabrera; Vicente / Dolores Aldan;
and Augustin / Olivia Aldan

In-Laws: Maria P. / Antonio C. Muna; Remedio P. / Hasmid A. Haro;
Gary Curley; and Rosa P. Palacios

*Nightly Mass is being offered at 6:00 pm at San Antonio Church followed by Rosary.
On Saturday, February 02, 2013 at 8:00 am her remains will arrive from Guam.
On Sunday, February 3rd, Mass is being offered at 9:00 am, followed by Rosary.*

On Tuesday, February 5th, at Mt. Carmel Cathedral, viewing and last respects will be held starting at 9:30 am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00 pm followed by interment service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your prayers and presence are greatly appreciated.

Francisco "Dino" Santos Palacios and Children



Science & Technology

Blackberry maker unveils new OS, new phones, new name

By **ANDREA CHANG**
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BlackBerry maker Research in Motion Ltd. reinvented itself with a revamped operating system, two new smartphones and a name change during a global launch Wednesday.

The Canadian smartphone maker—cast off by many consumers and analysts as a has-been tech company struggling to stay afloat—showed off its long-overdue BlackBerry 10 operating system and two phones: the touch screen-only Z10 and a traditional physical keyboard model called the Q10.

BlackBerry 10 features include separate work and personal profiles; time-saving ways to multi-task without closing applications; video chat with live screen sharing; and more than 70,000 applications. The touch screen on the Z10 has already earned early raves for its accurate auto-correct and predictive

text, multi-language capabilities within the same email, and use of flicks and swipes to quickly select or delete words.

Chief Executive Thorsten Heins quickly set out to dispel notions that BlackBerry was on its way out.

“We have definitely been on a journey of transformation,” he told a crowd of reporters and bloggers in New York. “Today is not the finish line, it’s the starting line.”

In a surprise announcement, RIM also changed its name to BlackBerry, a move that Heins said would unite the company behind the same brand. Its new ticker symbol will be BBRY.

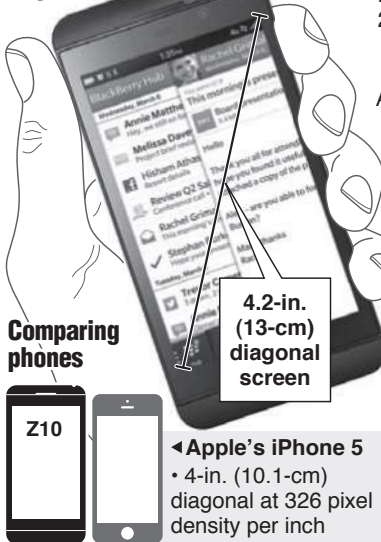
In the U.S., wireless carriers AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile and Sprint will carry BlackBerry 10 devices. Heins said he expected the Z10 to be available with “most” carriers in March. Verizon has announced it will sell the Z10 for \$199 with a two-year contract.

The question now will be

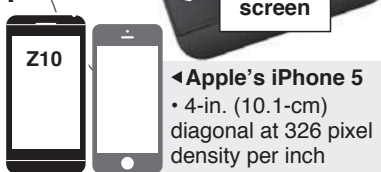
New name, new phones

Research in Motion announced it will now be officially known as BlackBerry and unveiled an updated smartphone that will use a new operating system.

BlackBerry Z10



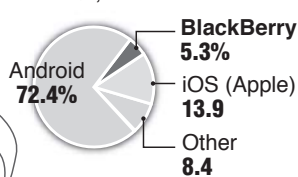
Comparing phones



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Smartphone users

By operating system;
2012 Q3, worldwide



Z10 features

- Full HD touchscreen at 356 pixel density per inch
- Two cameras; 8 megapixel camera on back
- New gesture driven operating system
- Priced at \$199 with two-year contract

Source: BlackBerry, Gartner
Graphic: Melina Yingling

whether consumers respond to the new OS and phones, particularly in the U.S. and other regions where Black-

Berrys had lost favor to Apple's iPhones and devices running Google's Android operating system.

High-tech cargo airship being built in California

TUSTIN, Calif. (AP)—The massive blimp-like aircraft flies but just barely, hovering only a dozen feet off a military hangar floor during flight testing south of Los Angeles.

Still, the fact that the hulking 230-foot-long Aeroscraft could fly for just a few minutes represents a step forward in aviation, according to the engineers who developed it. The Department of Defense and NASA have invested \$35 million in the prototype because of its potential to one day carry more cargo than any other aircraft to disaster zones and forward military bases.

“I realized that I put a little dot in the line of aviation his-

tory. A little dot for something that has never been demonstrated before, now it’s feasible,” said flight control engineer Munir Jojo-Verge.

The airship is undergoing testing this month at Marine Corps Air Station in Tustin, and must go through several more rounds of flight testing before it could be used in a disaster zone or anywhere else. The first major flight test took place Jan. 3.

The biggest challenge for engineers is making sure the airship will be able to withstand high winds and other extreme weather conditions, Jojo-Verge said. “Their vulnerability is their large size,” said aviation



The Aeroscraft airship, a high-tech prototype airship, is seen in a World War II-era hangar in Tustin, Calif., Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013.

expert and former Navy test pilot Pete Field. “There’s a lot of

surface area so wind affects it tremendously.”

TECH Q&A

Apple iPad ready to travel

By **STEVE ALEXANDER**
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I’m planning a vacation to Naples, Italy, in the near future and would like to use my Apple iPad 2 while I’m there. Is this possible? Do I need any special instructions?—Angelo Dinorcio, Northampton, Pa.

ANSWER: Your iPad will work just as it always has. The question is how you’ll connect to the Internet.

The easiest way to use an iPad 2 in Italy is to find Wi-Fi hot spots, which are plentiful in hotels and public places. Many are free.

If you want to be assured of having a Wi-Fi signal anywhere, you can rent an Italian cellular firm’s MiFi device, which attaches to the local cellular net-

work, then connects to your iPad via Wi-Fi. Rentals are about \$15 a day for up to 14 days. Find examples from XCom Global, <http://tinyurl.com/7d22red>, and Cellular Abroad, <http://tinyurl.com/3b5y5fr>.

Connecting directly to cellular networks in Italy is a little more work. Networks there are standardized on GSM technology, so if you are an AT&T or T-Mobile customer, you can connect to an Italian cellular carrier, provided you have an international data plan or, better, if you buy a temporary local account.

You can get a temporary local wireless account in Italy by purchasing a Micro SIM card—an internal iPad 2 memory card that identifies your wireless plan to the local cellular network—from an Italian phone store. The temporary plan, for \$30 and up,

can include varying amounts of data, depending on how much you want to pay.

If you have an iPad 2 from Verizon, you can’t connect to an Italian GSM cellular network. This problem has been solved in newer iPad models from Verizon.

Note that if you want to use your iPad for navigation, you can do it without a cellular or Wi-Fi connection because navigation is based on GPS satellite signals.

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Q: I recently had a computer failure that damaged my PC’s hard drive and main circuit board. I’m told that it’s virtually impossible to recover the documents I had on the computer.

But I was in the process of writing what may become a book, and the pages I lost had some dialogue that I doubt I

can remember. I’m 77 and am racing the clock to complete this project. Is there any way of recovering this data?—Jack Piper, Metropolis, Ill.

A: While no one but you can put a price on your unpublished dialogue, retrieving it will be costly. A data recovery service might be able to recover some, but probably not all, of the data from your damaged hard drive for about \$200 to \$1,000.

But if you want to pay, you’ll find several data retrieval firms by searching Google for “data recovery services Illinois.”

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Warm Bodies

Friday		4:15	7:15	9:50
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:50
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Mon through Thurs		4:15	7:15	

Cast: Nicholas Hoult, Teresa Palmer, John Malkovich
Genre: Romance, Horror • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

A tormented zombie (Nicholas Hoult) experiences a profound transformation after entering into an unusual relationship with the daughter (Teresa Palmer) of a military leader charged with eradicating the walking dead. As the unlikely pair build a tenuous bridge between the living and the dead, those on both sides of the battle begin to sense that nothing in their world will ever be the same again. Warm Bodies is based on the novel by Isaac Marion. Rob Corddry and John Malkovich round out the starring cast.



Bullet to the Head

Friday		4:20	7:20	9:30
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:30
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Mon through Thurs		4:20	7:20	

Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Kang Sung, Sarah Shahi
Genre: Action • Rated R

Synopsis

Steven Spielberg helms his long-in-the-making biopic of Abraham Lincoln for DreamWorks and Touchstone Pictures. Daniel Day-Lewis portrays the former head of state in the Tony Kushner-penned adaptation of Doris Kearns Goodwin's book, Team of Rivals, which chronicles the President's time in office between 1861 and 1865 as he dealt with personal demons and politics during the Civil War.



Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D

Friday		7:25	9:40
Saturday	1:25	7:25	9:40
Sunday	1:25	7:25	
Mon through Thurs		7:25	

Cast: Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton, Famke Janssen
Genre: Adventure • Rated R

Synopsis

A hitman (Sylvester Stallone) and a cop (Sung Kang) team up to pay back the killers who murdered their old partners in this action thriller from veteran tough guy filmmaker, Walter Hill (48 Hours, The Warriors).



Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters 2D

Friday		4:25	
Saturday		4:25	
Sunday		4:25	
Mon through Thurs		4:25	

Cast: Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton, Famke Janssen
Genre: Adventure • Rated R



Lincoln

Friday		4:00	7:00	10:00
Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00	10:00
Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00	
Mon through Thurs		4:00	7:00	

Cast: Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field, David Strathairn
Genre: Drama • Rated PG 13



Mama

Friday		4:30	7:30	9:45
Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	9:45
Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30	
Mon through Thurs		4:30	7:30	

Cast: Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Jessica Chastain
Genre: Horror • Rated PG 13



Broken City

Friday		4:10	7:10	9:55
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:55
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Mon through Thurs		4:10	7:10	

Cast: Mark Wahlberg, Russell Crowe, Catherine Zeta-jones
Genre: Drama • Rated R



The Last Stand

Friday		4:05	7:05	9:35
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05	9:35
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05	
Mon through Thurs		4:05	7:05	

Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Forest Whitaker
Genre: Action • Rated R

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Life & Style

Romantic's heart is bruised by end of long relationship

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: A great man once said, "A life without love is no life at all." So many people find love in so many ways, either through arranged marriages or at social events, school or college.

I have always been a hopeless romantic, but since the end of my eight-year relationship, my heart no longer feels the same. I feel as though love will never find me.

I know people say when it happens you will know, but my question is: How do you really KNOW? And when that time does ever come, how do you prepare your heart for love after a tragic loss?

TRYING TO GO ON

DEAR TRYING: I'm sorry for your loss and heartache. But unless your lover was wrenched from you by death, you should do what people of both sexes must when a romance ends—ask yourself why and what you have learned from it.

The failure of a romance doesn't mean that love will never happen again. You will know you have found love when you meet someone who makes you feel strong instead of dependent, who appreciates you for the person you are and isn't threatened by your successes, who supports you when you're down, takes pride in your accomplishments, and will hug you even after a difficult day. And it shouldn't take "preparation," just a willingness to risk putting yourself out there and a little good luck.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I live more than 1,000 miles away from our family. When our relatives fly out to visit us, should we feel obligated to let them use one of our cars to travel/tour while they are here? (Money is not an issue.) In most cases, they may be on the other side of the state for several days, leaving my husband and me to share a car. It is an inconvenience because my husband and I leave for work at different times.

However, this isn't my only concern. Will insurance cover our car if they have an accident in it?

When we visit them, we drive their car within city limits only, and when it's convenient for them. Please reply ASAP because they're coming here soon.

STRESSED OUT IN COLORADO

DEAR STRESSED OUT: Because money is not an issue, I assume that your relatives can afford to rent a car during their visit. The same rules should apply to them that apply to you in a similar situation. Your car should be for your own convenience, since you and your husband need transportation to work.

As to the insurance liability should someone have an accident while driving your vehicle, the person to ask is your insurance broker.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a dear friend who recently remarried. He has always said that what he and his late wife worked for should go to their children. However, I have just learned that his prenup wasn't signed until AFTER their marriage. Also, it was drawn up by an accountant, not a lawyer.

I always thought that a prenup was an agreement to specific conditions BEFORE a marriage. Am I right, and is a prenup valid if it is signed after the wedding?

CURIOUS IN KANSAS CITY

DEAR CURIOUS: A document like the one you have described is called a POSTnuptial agreement. It should have been drafted by your friend's attorney, then reviewed by an attorney representing the wife to be sure she fully understood what she was signing. If she did not, then it may not be legal and enforceable.

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'How I Met Your Mother' to end run, mystery

LOS ANGELES (AP)—CBS says the big reveal is coming for "How I Met Your Mother."

The network said Wednesday the sitcom will air its ninth and

final season next fall. And CBS Entertainment President Nina Tassler promised that TV's "most mysterious mother" will be unveiled as the show wraps up.

That would be the mystery woman with whom Ted, played by Josh Radnor, ultimately has a family. The sitcom's cast also includes Neil Patrick Harris,

Cobie Smulders, Jason Segel and Alyson Hannigan.

20th Century Fox Television says all the actors will return for the 2013-14 season.

Nicki Minaj isn't sweating lack of Grammy nods

NEW YORK (AP)—Despite having a big year in music, Nicki Minaj didn't receive any Grammy nominations. Not a problem, she says. "I've gotten tons of awards and I believe when it's my time to get a Grammy, I'll get a Grammy," she said with a laugh.

The 30-year-old had one of last year's biggest hits with the multiplatinum dance-pop anthem "Starships." Her sophomore album, "Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded," has reached gold status and launched other hits on the rap and R&B charts.

But Minaj, who received three Grammy nominations last year, including best new artist and best rap album for her platinum debut, "Pink Friday," was

shut out when this year's nominations were announced.

"I think that the Grammys had a different reason, that I do not want to discuss ... and that's just between me and them," she

said in a recent interview. "But I respect their organization and I'll get a Grammy eventually. I'm not worried about it."

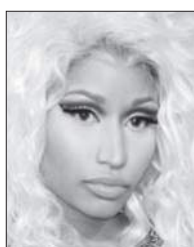
A representative for The Recording Academy didn't immediately respond to an email Tuesday seeking comment. Minaj was featured on Ludacris' "My Chick Bad," which was nominated for a 2011 Grammy Award, before she released her first album.

She was criticized when she released her sophomore album last April for taking on a pop-

and-electronic sound that echoed Katy Perry, Rihanna and Ke\$ha. "Roman Reloaded" is a mesh of hip-hop, dance, pop, R&B and reggae flavors, and producers included radio hit makers like RedOne and Dr. Luke.

"I understand that artists and critics make a big deal over the Grammys. But when I go to my shows and I'm selling out arenas in London, and when I'm in Australia and Japan, there aren't any Grammys there," she said. "There are human beings who I've touched. There are human beings who are inspired by me, who I love dearly. And that's what my career is based on."

Minaj, who is a new judge on "American Idol" alongside Mariah Carey and Keith Urban, said she would probably be upset if she doesn't earn Grammy respect later in her career.



Minaj

Lohan appears in court, trial delayed

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lindsay Lohan briefly appeared in court Wednesday for the first time in nearly a year and left with a new attorney, new trial date and new judge.

Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner shook her head when she saw Lohan seated with her attorney, just months after the judge had warned the "Liz and Dick" star to grow up and stay out of trouble.

The actress was required to attend the pretrial hearing in-

volving three misdemeanor counts filed after a car crash last summer. Lohan has pleaded not guilty to lying to police, reckless driving and obstructing officers from performing their duties.

Sautner previously sent her to jail, placed her under house arrest and forced her to perform morgue cleanup duty in another case.

Sautner warned Lohan on Wednesday that she could face jail time for a possible probation violation, even if she is acquitted of the counts filed after her sports

car crashed into a dump truck.

Lohan was on probation at the time of the wreck and could be sentenced to 245 days in jail if a judge determines her actions in the crash were a violation of her sentence in a theft case.

Sautner, however, won't be handling Lohan's upcoming case. The judge said she is retiring before the next court hearing on March 1. Lohan will not be required to attend that hearing.

Lohan's new trial date is March 18.

Prince Charles takes rare ride on London's subway

LONDON (AP)—Royalty means rarely having to mind the gap.

Britain's Prince Charles took a ride on the London subway Wednesday—for the first time in a quarter century.

Charles and his wife, Camilla, joined transit officials and commuters to mark the 150th anniversary of the Underground, the world's first subway system.

The subway system, which sees 3.5 million journeys a day, is well known for announcements warning passengers to "mind the gap between the train and the platform."

The royal couple traveled one stop, from Farringdon to King's Cross on the Metropolitan Line—the oldest section of the subway system, opened in 1863.

Charles last traveled by subway in 1986, when he and the late Princess Diana took the Tube to Heathrow Airport to open a new terminal.



Britain's Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, travel on a London underground train as they mark 150 years of London Underground, in London, Wednesday Jan. 30, 2013.

Jim Nabors on marrying partner: 'Just wanted it legal'

HONOLULU (AP)—Actor Jim Nabors says marrying his longtime male partner doesn't change anything about their relationship—he just wanted it to be formally acknowledged.

"I just wanted it legal," the 82-year-old actor best known as Gomer Pyle in "The Andy Griffith Show" told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Nabors married 64-year-old Stan Cadwallader in Seattle on Jan. 15. Nabors says they have been partners for 38 years.

Nabors said they flew from Honolulu just for the short ceremony and were married in a hotel room by



Nabors

a judge friend who drove up from Olympia, Wash. Nabors said he's not an activist but feels strongly that gay marriage should be a right for everyone.

"I think every person on this earth has a choice of who they want to spend their life with," he said.

News of Nabors' marriage was first reported by Hawaii News Now. Nabors told Hawaii News Now he's been open about being gay with co-workers and friends but hadn't acknowledged it to the media before. He said he's not ashamed of people knowing, he just didn't tell people because it was "such a personal thing."

The couple met in 1975 when Cadwallader was a Honolulu firefighter.

Nabors told the AP that Cadwallader began working for him long ago and took care of his business affairs. "He's my best friend," Nabors said.

Nabors became an instant success when he joined "The Andy Griffith Show" in spring 1963. The character of Gomer Pyle—the unworldly, lovable gas pumper who would exclaim "Gollllll-ly!"—proved so popular that in 1964 CBS starred him in "Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C."

In the spinoff, which lasted five seasons, Gomer left his hometown of Mayberry to become a Marine recruit. His innocence confounded his sergeant, the irascible Frank Sutton.

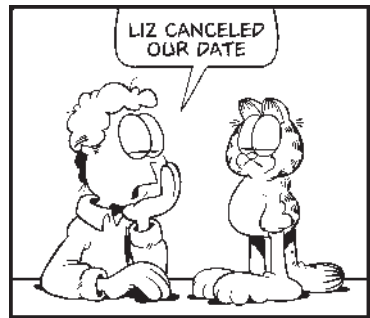
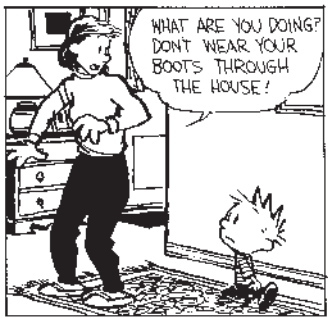
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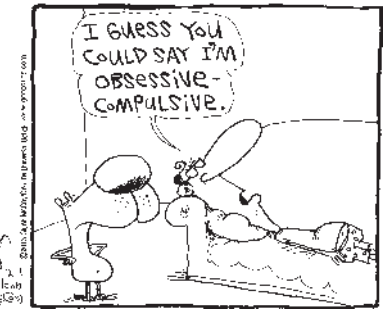
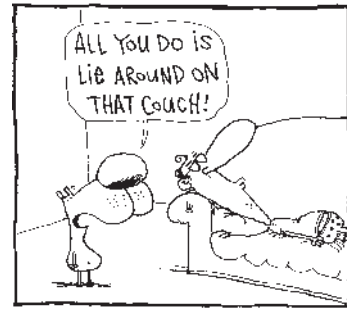
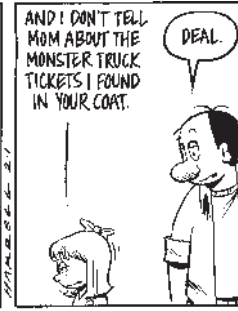


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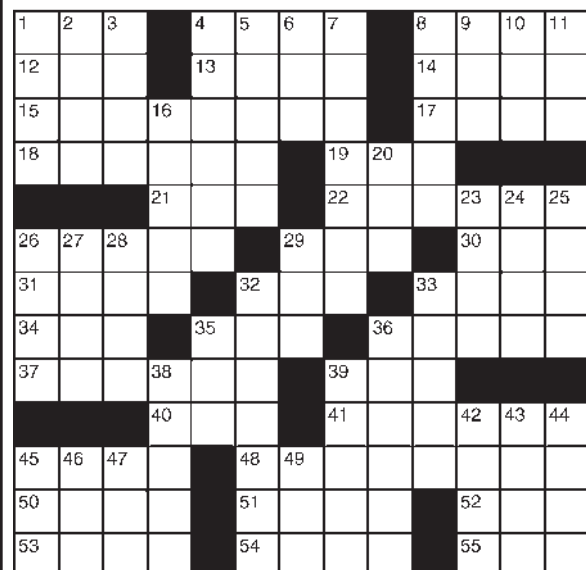
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- 1 Poke
 - 4 Beach stuff
 - 8 Part of the foot?
 - 12 Supplement, with "out"
 - 13 From the start
 - 14 In the vicinity
 - 15 Congratulatory slap
 - 17 Oodles
 - 18 Open
 - 19 Meadow
 - 21 G.I.'s dinner, for short
 - 22 Showing cleavage
 - 26 Computer acronym
 - 29 Steiner or Stiller
 - 30 Life time?
 - 31 Swiss capital
 - 32 Staff
 - 33 Oven
 - 34 Swelled head
 - 35 "Explain, please"
- DOWN**
- 1 Biblical king who had
 - 2 Related (to)
 - 3 Pleads
 - 4 Jungle expedition
 - 5 Doddering, maybe
 - 6 Ely's st.
 - 7 Lived
 - 8 Post-vow relative
 - 9 Ultra-modernist
 - 10 House pet
 - 11 Day fractions (Abbr.)
 - 16 Surround
 - 20 Many millennia
 - 23 First son
 - 24 Aptly named fruit?
 - 25 Sawbucks
 - 26 23-Down's victim
 - 27 Lily variety
 - 28 Boast
 - 29 Tarzan's son
 - 32 Beats
 - 33 Singer
 - 35 Infinitesimal
 - 36 Written code
 - 38 Dead ringer?
 - 39 Bach piece, often
 - 42 Nixed, at NASA
 - 43 Entrance
 - 44 Uppity sort
 - 45 Recede
 - 46 Carnival city
 - 47 Ailing
 - 49 Debtor's letters

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Yesterday's answer 2-1



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ARIES (March 21-April 19): New connections will lead to greater opportunities. Call in favors, join organizations that interest you, and most of all open up and be receptive to suggestions and people that approach you for various reasons. Romance is in the stars. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take care of business. Don't leave your responsibilities for someone else to deal with. You can talk all you want about doing something, but until you actually do, it's all conjecture. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look at your options and make wise choices. It's up to you to avoid deception and excess in order to have a clear-cut shot at advancement. Opportunity through networking, socializing and colleagues is apparent. Reach for the stars in love, financial matters and work. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Step away from those putting pressure on you. Follow your own path and delve into creative projects that allow you to use your skills

and talents fully. Don't make changes just because someone else does. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll question or be questioned about your personal life and relationships. Honesty is the best policy, but only offer what's necessary. Avoid compromising your financial position. Speak from the heart, but only offer so much. Positive change is on the horizon. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You must be a participant if you want to get ahead. Put your best foot forward and indulge in a little social activity with peers, colleagues or people who share your interests. Don't just talk about your ideas and plans—get things up and running. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep life simple. Having a positive attitude will help you keep opposition at arms' length, giving you the chance to follow a path that is more suitable to you. Problems at home are best left alone for now. You need time to think. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be faced with domestic issues that must be addressed in order for you to feel comfortable about your plans for the future. Honesty will be necessary and will make a difference when it comes to figuring out the best way to proceed. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Lots of talk is fine, but you must follow through if you don't want to make a poor impression. Finding a new or more interesting way to earn extra cash will help build your confidence as well as your reputation. Romantic opportunities are present. ****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotional issues will escalate if you don't address the existing problems. Think outside the box and you will come up with a workable solution that will suit everybody's needs. You can do with less if you budget and organize wisely. **



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Discipline will pay off and help you get ahead personally. Changes at home as well as reviewing contracts, settlements or financial matters will pleasantly surprise you. You can head down a new path that shows greater promise. Romance is on the rise. *****



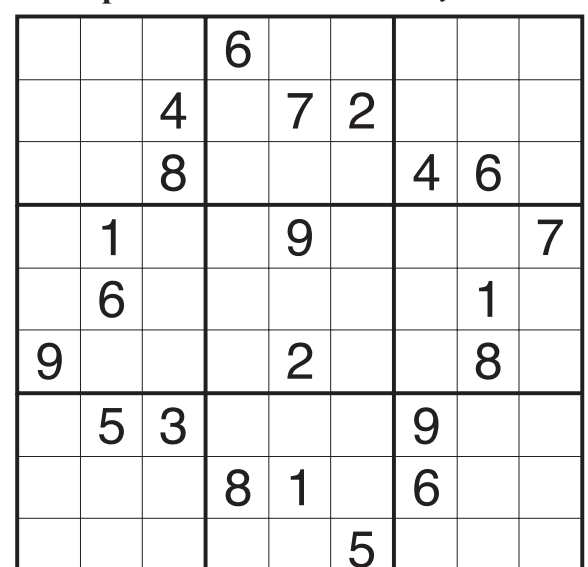
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be careful where you leave your possessions or cash. Protecting your assets from someone looking for a handout will be necessary. Don't be judgmental of others, but look out for your interests. Too much of anything will be your downfall. ***
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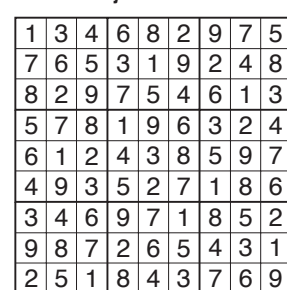


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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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Solution: 8 letters



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Yesterday's Answer: Churches
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OPEN DATE:	January 30, 2013	POSITION:	Lifeguard (Part-Time & Full Time)
CLOSE DATE:	February 8, 2013	SALARY:	Minimum Wage
Qualifications:	High school graduate or equivalent. Obtaining a lifeguard certification may be required for continued employment. Must have friendly and outgoing personality.		
OPEN DATE:	January 30, 2013	POSITION:	Cook (Chinese/Western/Japanese/Korean)
CLOSE DATE:	February 8, 2013	SALARY:	Minimum Wage/Negotiable
Qualifications:	High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) year experience in culinary experience. Applicants with formal training / education in culinary arts strongly preferred. Position may require employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment.		
OPEN DATE:	January 30, 2013	POSITION:	Power Plant Operator /Electrician
CLOSE DATE:	February 8, 2013	SALARY:	Minimum Wage/Negotiable
Qualifications:	High school graduate or equivalent. Formal electrician education or training highly preferred. Formal Training in Mechanical repair / engineering highly preferred.		
OPEN DATE:	January 30, 2013	POSITION:	Landscaper/Pool Attendant
CLOSE DATE:	February 8, 2013	SALARY:	Minimum Wage
Qualifications:	High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two years experience in landscaping and Minimum two years experience handling chemicals preferred.		
OPEN DATE:	January 30, 2013	POSITION:	Kids College Attendant
CLOSE DATE:	February 8, 2013	SALARY:	Minimum Wage
Qualifications:	High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two years experience in a cashier type occupation preferred. Must enjoy and be comfortable interacting with young children. Cheerful and outgoing personality highly preferred.		
OPEN DATE:	January 30, 2013	POSITION:	Cashier
CLOSE DATE:	February 8, 2013	SALARY:	Minimum Wage
Qualifications:	High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two years experience in a cashier type occupation preferred. Minimum two years experience in a cashier type occupation preferred. Must have strong accounting and money handling skills.		
OPEN DATE:	January 30, 2013	POSITION:	Accountant/Supervisor
CLOSE DATE:	February 8, 2013	SALARY:	Negotiable
Qualifications:	High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two years experience in accounting strongly preferred. Minimum two years experience as a supervisory level employee in the field of accounting or business operations highly preferred. A certified public accountant qualification preferred but not required.		

For more information, please contact Human Resources Office at (670) 234-5900 ext. 576/266.

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Qualification Requirements:
*SOC ONet 11-2021.00 *Must have a 4-college degree with at least 4 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry or a 2-year college degree with at least 8 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry *Holding a valid CNMI driver's license *Able to work under pressure with flexible work hours *Good in basic business math with honest personal characters

Office Adm/Operations Manager (1 position) \$7.00/hour
Qualification Requirements:
*SOC synthesized ONet 11-1021.00 & 11-3011.00*Must have a 4-college degree with at least 4 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry or a high-school diploma with possessing minimum 10 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry *Holding a valid CNMI driver's license *Able to work under pressure with flexible work hours *Good in basic business math with honest personal characters

Purchasing Administrative Assistant (2 positions) \$6.50/hour
Qualification Requirements:
*SOC ONet 11-3061.00 *Must have a 4-college degree with at least 2 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry or a 2-year college degree with at least 6 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry *Well knowledge in Chinese merchandise and export government regulations and processing *Fluent in Chinese speaking, listening, reading and writing *Able to work under pressure with flexible work hours *Willing to travel frequently *Good in basic business math with honest personal characters

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HAIQIN DAI Petitioner,)	FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION
vs.)	NO. 12-0554
GAO DONG JIE Respondent,)	SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is HAIQIN DAI, C/O PMB 2621, P.O. BOX 10002 GARAPAN, SAIPAN as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2013.

/s/ Clerk of Court

**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

OPEN DATE: February 1, 2013
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NELLY DLC. BUMANGLAG,
Plaintiff,

-v-
LINDA DLC. TOVES, CONSOLATION DLC. TOVES, ANA C. DELA CRUZ, ANTONIO C. DELA CRUZ, RAMON C. DELA CRUZ, JOSEPHINE P. DELA CRUZ, and the Estate of MANUEL T. DELA CRUZ, deceased
Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 00-0275

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Judgment issued by the Court in this matter on January 26, 2009, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Tract No. 21729, situated in I-Denni, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 46,660 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2038/72, registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 7912, dated January 23, 1979.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, March 1, 2013, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

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/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS


POSITION: HOUSEKEEPING (5)
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Duties and responsibilities: Responsible for creating and maintaining a clean and comfortable environment for hotel guests. Replace used linens, sanitize bathrooms and set up the rooms according to hotels standards. Carry linens, towels, toiletries and cleaning supplies using wheeled carts. Empty waste baskets, empty and clean ashtrays and transport other trash and waste to disposal areas. Clean hallways, lobbies, lounges, restrooms, corridors, stairways, locker rooms and other work area so that health standards are met. Observe precautions required to protect hotel and guest property and report damage, theft and found articles to supervisors. Replenish supplies such as drinking glasses, linens, writing supplies and bathroom items. Clean rugs, carpets, upholstered furniture, and draperies, using vacuum cleaners and shampoos. Dust and polish furniture and equipment. Keep storage area and carts well-stocked, clean and tidy. Disinfect equipment and supplies, using germicides or steam operated sterilizers.

POSITION: WAITER/WAITRESS (8)
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POSITION: CHIEF ACCOUNTANT (1)
Qualification: Must have a bachelor degree in Accountancy. CPA a plus. Minimum of 3 years experience as chief accountant. Must be able to work flexible hours.
Duties and responsibilities: Report to CFO regarding finances of the company. Prepare, examine or analyze financial information and prepare financial reports to assess accuracy, completeness, and conformance to reporting and procedural standards. Develop, maintain and analyze budgets, preparing periodic reports that compare budgeted costs to actual costs. Develop, implement, modify, and document recordkeeping and accounting system, making use of current computer technology. Prepare report and schedule for audit. Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns, ensuring compliance with payment, reporting or other tax requirements. Analyze business operations, trends, costs, revenues, financial commitments, and obligations to project future revenues and expenses or to provide advice.

POSITION: ACCOUNTANT (1)
Qualification: Must have a bachelor degree in accounting. Minimum 5 years experience as accountant. Must be able to work flexible hours.
Duties and responsibilities: Prepare bi-weekly and monthly payroll and maintain confidentiality and other related records. Take charge of accounts payable and accounts receivable. Maintain general ledger, accounting system, analyze accounts and prepare adjustment as needed. Assist with fixed assets and inventory system and record-keeping. Check daily deposit before depositing to the bank. Assist the chief accountant in the preparation of weekly, monthly and year end report.

POSITION: ASSISTANT CHEF WESTERN CUISINE (1)
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Duties and responsibilities: Check the quality of raw or cooked food products to ensure that standards are met. Supervise or coordinate activities of cooks or workers engaged in food preparation to ensure timely delivery of patrons order. Order or requisition food or other supplies needed to ensure efficient operation. Instruct cooks or other workers to check the quality and quantity of received products and in preparation, cooking, garnishing or presentation of food. Determine how food should be presented and create decorative food displays. Inspect supplies, equipment and food preparation areas to ensure conformance to safe and sanitary food-handling practices and established company standards.

POSITION: SUPERVISOR, LANDSCAPE (1)
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Latest A-Rod troubles have Yankees frustrated



NEW YORK
(AP)—Alex Rodriguez was speaking on a conference call.

"A huge debacle," he said. "Distasteful."

That was on Dec. 13, 2007, when he re-signed with the New York Yankees and was discussing his decision 1 1/2 months earlier to become a free agent.

Now those words describe how some in the team's front office feel about A-Rod's \$275 million, 10-year contract.

Once considered a player who could shatter the career home run record, Rodriguez has transformed from All-Star to annoyance for some in the Yankees organization. He hasn't played a full season since he was voted his third AL MVP award in 2007, he's out for at least the first half of this year following hip surgery on Jan. 16 and now he's been accused of again receiving performance-enhancing drugs—an allegation he denies.

Even before the charges were published Tuesday by the alternative weekly *Miami New Times* along with accusations against Melky Cabrera, Nelson Cruz, Gio Gonzalez, Bartolo Colon and Yasmani Grandal, some Yankees executives were wishing Rodriguez would just go away. Speaking on condition of anonymity because the team isn't publicly commenting on A-Rod's latest troubles, they revealed their frustration with the slugger.

And they have a big incentive for A-Rod to disappear. If he doesn't play again due to a career-ending injury, about 85 percent of the \$114 million he's



Alex Rodriguez, seen here in an undated file photo, has transformed from All-Star to annoyance for some in the Yankees organization.

owed by the team would be covered by insurance, according to one of the executives who spoke on condition of anonymity.

New York also might be able to free itself from having the \$27.5 million average annual value of Rodriguez's contract count in its luxury tax payroll in each of the next five seasons,

a key factor as the Yankees try to get under the \$189 million threshold in 2014.

If Rodriguez is on the disabled list, his contract is included. But if he's on the voluntary retired list, it would not be part of the total.

And if the Yankees fall under that \$189 million benchmark,

their luxury tax rate would drop from its current 50 percent to 17.5 percent for 2015. That would give them far more flexibility to pursue pitchers Clayton Kershaw, Felix Hernandez and Justin Verlander if they become free agents following the 2014 season.

New York is not likely to be

able to void A-Rod's deal. Baseball's drug agreement between management and the players' association specifies the commissioner's office has all disciplinary authority for violations.

A-Rod's poor health, however, may provide the path to savings for the team.

While Rodriguez rebounded from right hip surgery in March 2009 to help the Yankees to their first World Series title since 2000, Dr. Bryan Kelly said recovery from his operation on A-Rod's left hip this month will be more complex if for no other reason than it receives more stress because Rodriguez is a right-handed hitter.

Even before the latest kerfuffle, A-Rod seemed to have worn out his welcome.

Yankees management tired of spotting him on the gossip pages with Madonna, Kate Hudson, Cameron Diaz and Torrie Wilson. They bristled when he was seen with a stripper in Toronto, at a swingers' club in Dallas and at an illegal poker club in New York.

They made their displeasure public in 2010 when they said they never authorized Rodriguez to be treated by Dr. Anthony Galea, who said he prescribed anti-inflammatories to A-Rod following the first hip operation. Indicted in part for illegal possession of human growth hormone with intent to distribute, the Canadian doctor pleaded guilty in 2011 to one count of introducing misbranded drugs into interstate com-

merce with the intent to mislead a U.S. agency.

Then came last year's playoffs, when Rodriguez was benched in three of nine games and pinch hit for in three others. He flirted with girls in the stands after he was removed from the AL championship series opener against Detroit.

Rodriguez's 647 home runs are 115 shy of tying Barry Bonds' career record but he has totaled just 34 the last two seasons and his 38th birthday is in late July. He has averaged 119 games, 21 homers and 81 RBIs over the last three years.

Before and after most games, when media is allowed to enter the Yankees' clubhouse, Rodriguez spends little time at his locker in the back left of the oval room, not too far from the entrance to the inner sanctum that contains the players' lounge, steam room, sauna, rubdown room, weight room, trainer's room and swimming pool. He doesn't have one of the prestige locations flanking the back entrance, held by Derek Jeter and Robinson Cano, who took over the spot when Jorge Posada retired.

He has never been accepted by Yankees' fans the same way they adored Jeter, Mariano Rivera, Andy Pettitte and Jorge Posada. And now, with his increasing tabloid notoriety and declining production, some of the team's executives have concluded he's more a handicap than a help as the team strives for World Series title No. 28

Brees wants to bury bounty probe, help New Orleans



NEW ORLEANS
(AP)—Drew Brees

wore gray sneakers to his first full day of Super Bowl-related appearances—a wise move for an ambassador of a city who had to walk briskly from end to end of a sprawling convention center to make all of his scheduled stops.

Not only was the Saints' star quarterback a man on the move, but also ready to move on from the bitterness of the bounty scandal, which may have undermined his team's chances of playing for a title on its home field.

"We're professionals and we've moved past that in the sense that there's nothing that can be done other than, 'Let's move on and let's find a way to be better next year in spite of it,'" Brees said. "It would be easy to sit here and be angry, but it is what it is."

Coming off a 13-3 campaign in 2011 and a narrow loss to San Francisco in that season's playoffs, the Saints went into the offseason figuring they would be contenders again this season.

Then came the NFL's probe of the Saints' cash-for-hits program and numerous sanctions,

the most severe of which was the full-season suspension of coach Sean Payton. New Orleans went 7-9 and missed the playoffs for the first time since 2008, and now the team practicing at the Saints' suburban training center is the NFC champion 49ers.

Throughout the community, displeasure with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell's handling of the matter has been on display for months, from T-shirts reading "Free Payton" (he is now reinstated) to signs in bars and eateries showing Goodell's photo and reading: "Do not serve this man."

During the season, Brees offered his own criticism of what he thought was a faulty investigation and overly heavy-handed disciplinary process. But when the topic came up Wednesday, Brees said it was time to "put this thing to bed."

"We've said what needed to be said," Brees said. "Sean's back, all the pieces are in place, and now it's time for us to put ourselves in a position to make a run."

Brees has been one of New Orleans' most prominent pub-

lic faces and leading promoters since he arrived in the Big Easy in 2006, when much of the area was still in a state of devastation from Hurricane Katrina's August 2005 landfall. Now his team is the official host of the Super Bowl, and Brees is once again stepping up to highlight his adopted hometown's resurgence as it hosts the Super Bowl for the first time since 2002—also the first time since Katrina.

He also sought to stamp out the notion that there is some kind of undercurrent of tension between his club, its fans and all of the high-ranking NFL executives in town for the league's biggest single event.

"I know the city is going to be a great host regardless," Brees said. "The city wants to put their best foot forward, they want everybody to have a great experience. I don't like the fact that we've got the NFC team practicing in our facility, but we're going to be gracious hosts and hope that it pays us back in the future."

Brees' stops Wednesday included a talk with area high school kids about the importance of managing one's money.

He even revealed that he graduated Purdue with an unpaid \$2,000 mobile phone bill, and later regretted it when it damaged his credit score and pushed up the interest rate he had to pay on the first house he bought in San Diego, shortly after being drafted by the Chargers in 2001.

Later, he hosted a news conference in which his foundation donated \$1 million to businesses teaming up with charities in the metro area. He also made several radio appearances and lent his support to an event hosted by former Saints special teams standout Steve Gleason, who has the debilitating and incurable neuromuscular disease ALS.

As an organization, the Saints' approach has mirrored that of their quarterback. Owner Tom Benson spoke at an NFL event promoting the importance of children doing more physical activity on Wednesday. He has invited Goodell to the team party in New Orleans' City Park on Thursday night, and he will attend Goodell's main media event Friday and has even invited the commissioner to watch the game from his suite in the Superdome.

Vijay Singh admits using deer-antler spray



SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) —Vijay Singh says he has used deer-antler spray

and wasn't aware that it may contain a substance banned by the PGA Tour.

The 49-year-old Fijian first revealed he used the spray in an interview with *Sports Illustrated*. The magazine said Singh paid one of Sports With Alternatives To Steroids' owners \$9,000 last November for the spray, hologram chips and other products.

The magazine also reported Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis sought help from SWATS in his recovery from a torn right triceps. The company says its deer-antler substance contains a banned performance-enhancer connected to human growth hormone.

Singh released a statement Wednesday at the Phoenix Open.

"While I have used deer-antler spray, at no time was I aware that it may contain a substance that is banned under the PGA Tour Anti-Doping Policy," Singh said in the statement.

"In fact, when I first received the product, I reviewed the list of ingredients and did not see any prohibited substances. I am absolutely shocked that deer-antler spray may contain

a banned substance and am angry that I have put myself in this position. I have been in contact with the PGA Tour and am co-operating fully with their review of this matter. I will not be commenting further at this time."

PGA Tour spokesman Ty Votaw said the tour is "looking into the matter."

"I know that it's obviously illegal, whatever it is," Masters champion Bubba Watson said. "It sounds like something I would never want near me. ... I don't even know how you take deer-antler spray."

"It's sad that people live and die by their sport and they have to, I guess, cheat and go around it and try to better themselves with deer-antler spray. I'm not just going to take something and ask questions later. I'm not going to take deer antler-spray and find out what it is later. ... I think we should check them for mental problems if they're taking deer-antler spray. That's kind of weird."

Singh won the last of his 34 PGA Tour titles in 2008. The three-time major champion also has 22 international victories. Early in his career, he was suspended from the Asian Tour for two years for altering his scorecard during a tournament in Indonesia.

Suns hand Lakers 8th straight road loss

PHOENIX (AP)—Michael Beasley scored a season-high 27 points and the Phoenix Suns rallied from 13 down in the fourth quarter to hand the Los Angeles Lakers their eighth straight road loss, 92-86, on Wednesday night.

The dramatic comeback came in Steve Nash's first game in Phoenix since he left for the Lakers after last season.

The Lakers, who had won three straight—all at home, lost Dwight Howard when he re-injured his right shoulder with 6:57 to play.

Beasley, whose previous season best of 25 came two games earlier, scored on a scrambling layup as the shot clock was expiring to put the Suns ahead 88-86 with 43.8 seconds to play.



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant (24) is pressured by Phoenix Suns' Michael Beasley, left, Shannon Brown (6), and Markieff Morris (11) during the first half on an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013, in Phoenix.

Heat 105, Nets 85

In New York, LeBron James had 24 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, and Miami blew out Brooklyn in the second half its 13th win in a row over the Nets.

Dwyane Wade added 21 points and Chris Bosh had 16 for the Heat, who outscored the Nets 56-36 in the second half after it was tied at halftime.

In their first game since falling in double overtime Sunday at Boston, the Heat made sure this would be a much easier night.

Knicks 113, Magic 97

In New York, Carmelo Anthony

scored 20 points to set a team-record with his 30th straight 20-point game, leading the New York Knicks to a 113-97 victory over the reeling Orlando Magic on Wednesday night.

Anthony's scoring tended to overshadow outstanding games by New York big men Tyson Chandler and Amare Stoudemire.

Hawks 93, Raptors 92

In Atlanta, Al Horford scored 22 points, including a go-ahead dunk with 21 seconds remaining, and Atlanta beat short-handed Toronto.

Longtime Raptors guard Jose

Calderon and forward Ed Davis gave farewell hugs to their teammates about an hour before the game as word leaked of a trade that will send small forward Rudy Gay from Memphis to Toronto.

Sixers 92, Wizards 84

In Philadelphia, Jrue Holiday scored 21 points, Nick Young had 18 and struggling Philadelphia got a rare win.

Thaddeus Young and Lavoy Allen each added 14 points to help the Sixers win for just the fourth time in 13 games and seventh in 24.

Celtics 99, Kings 81

In Boston, Paul Pierce scored 16 points and Boston won its second game since losing Rajon Rondo for the season with a knee injury.

The Celtics charged to a 59-38 halftime lead as they hit 62.5 percent of their shots. They led by at least 14 points the rest of the way against the team that allowed an NBA-worst average of 103.2 points going into the game.

Pacers 98, Pistons 79

In Indianapolis, Roy Hibbert had 18 points and 11 rebounds to help Indiana snap a three-game skid.

David West scored 14 points and Lance Stephenson added 12 points and 11 boards for the Pacers. Greg Monroe had 18 points and nine rebounds, and Rodney Stuckey

scored 14 points for the Pistons.

Bulls 104, Bucks 88

In Milwaukee, Nate Robinson scored 16 of his 24 points in the second quarter, leading Chicago past Milwaukee.

Jimmy Butler, a second-year pro from Marquette, had 18 points and five rebounds in a return to the arena where he played college basketball.

Clippers 96, Timberwolves 90

In Minneapolis, Blake Griffin had 26 points and 13 rebounds and DeAndre Jordan added 16 points and 12 boards to lift Los Angeles.

Nuggets 118, Rockets 110

In Denver, Danilo Gallinari

scored a game-high 27 points, Kenneth Faried had 19 points and nine rebounds and the Denver Nuggets beat the Houston Rockets 118-110 Wednesday night.

Jazz 104, Hornets 99

In Salt Lake City, Paul Millsap scored 25 points, Al Jefferson had 22 and the Utah Jazz defeated the New Orleans Hornets 104-99 on Wednesday night.

Spurs 102, Bobcats 78

In San Antonio, Tony Parker had 22 points and the San Antonio Spurs never trailed in beating the Charlotte Bobcats 102-78 on Wednesday night, extending their winning streak to nine games.

Gay heads to Toronto in Grizzlies' makeover

MEMPHIS (AP)—Rudy Gay is on his way to Toronto in the latest and most dramatic move in the Memphis Grizzlies' money-motivated makeover.

The Grizzlies agreed to trade their star swingman to the Raptors on Wednesday, parting with the leading scorer on a team that has aspirations of making a run in the powerful Western Conference.

The Raptors gave up point guard Jose Calderon and forward Ed Davis in the deal that also included Grizzlies backup

center Hamed Haddadi, and Memphis then shipped Calderon to Detroit for Austin Daye and Tayshaun Prince.

"Players like this don't come along that often in terms of their availability," Raptors GM Bryan Colangelo said of Gay. "This was a very unique circumstance. We feel like we took advantage of it."

Memphis general manager Chris Wallace didn't mention finances in a statement issued Wednesday night, but there is no doubt they played a big role

in the decision.

"We are excited to add three players who bring with them a tremendous amount of value to our team and have achieved incredible success on the pro, college and Olympic levels," Wallace said in a statement Wednesday night. "In these players, we welcome NBA Champion and Olympic gold medalist Tayshaun Prince, as well as up-and-coming athletic forwards Ed Davis, who won an NCAA title at North Carolina, and Austin Daye."

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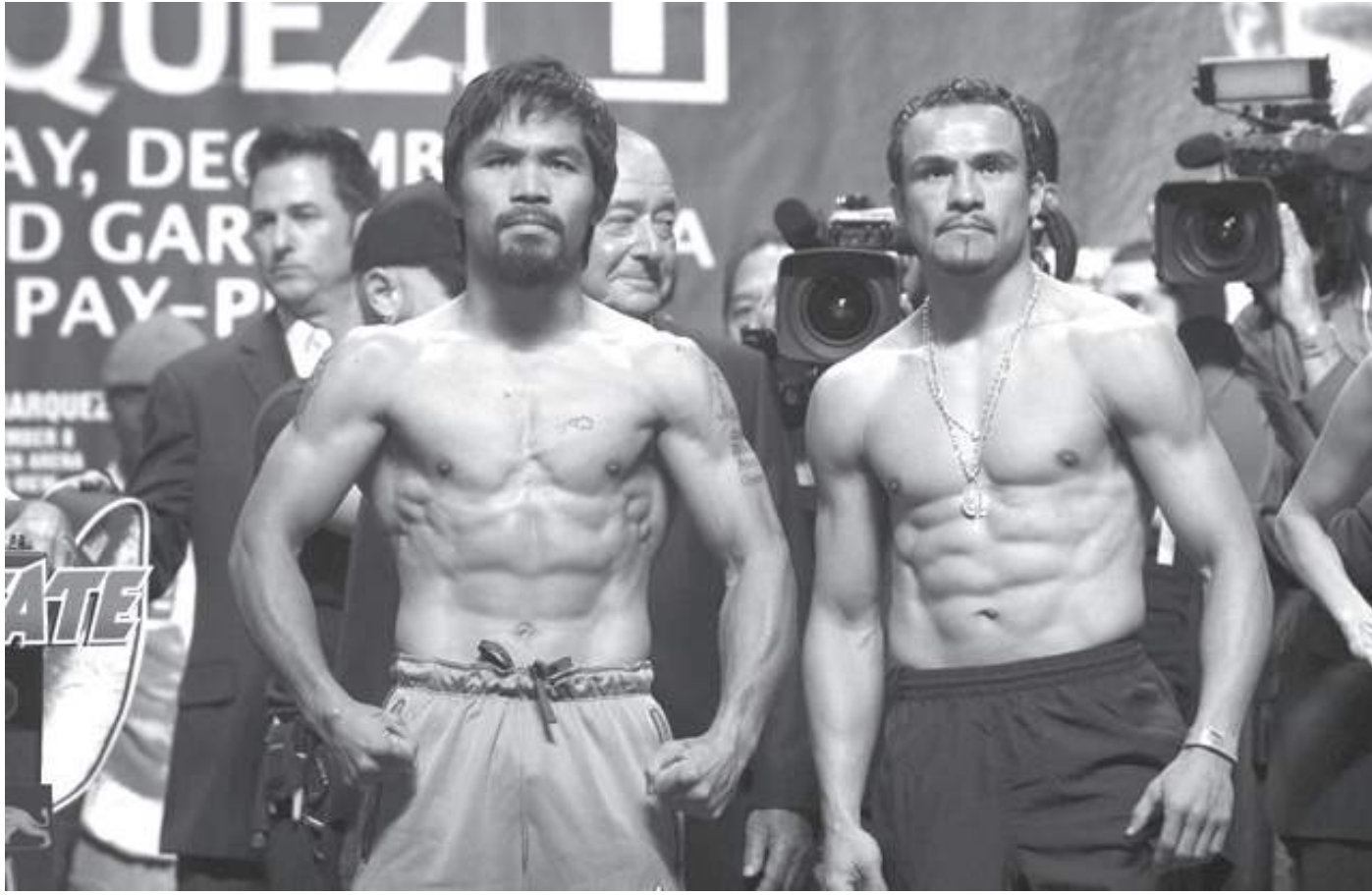
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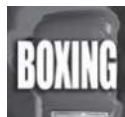
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Pacquiao vs Marquez V calls for stricter PED test



Manny Pacquiao and Juan Manuel Marquez pose for a photo during the weigh-in of their fourth fight last December at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada.



LAS VEGAS— Juan Manuel Marquez earned a very impressive victory over Manny Pacquiao this past December. Whereas Pacquiao picked up his two wins over Marquez by way of controversial decisions and questionable scoring, Marquez got his in the only manner which does not lend itself to questioning after the fact. A knockout is a knockout. There can't be any arguments about the validity or legitimacy of a knockout.

Right? Wrong. Before his last fight even happened, Marquez was forced to confront questions regarding how precisely at age 39 he was suddenly in the best shape of his life. Mind you, he didn't have to fend these inquiries off from bloggers and TV provocateurs; Freddie Roach, one of the most respected men in all of boxing, famously said in an interview: "If [his body] is natural, I will kiss his ass. [Marquez] has gotten bigger

and gained weight—it throws up a red flag. I've been accused so many times of my fighters being on steroids (that) I hate to accuse other people. But it is part of our life, part of the world we live in."

The accusations, while not based off anything more than the eye test, were there for a reason. It wasn't just that Marquez suddenly had more strength and such a sculpted physique, it was also about who helped him attain both. His new association with Angel Guillermo "Memo"

Heredia, an admitted PED peddler, raised a lot of red flags. And while Marquez has consistently denied doing anything wrong, natural human reasoning suggests that if you suddenly become stronger and bigger after linking up with a guy who provides illicit materials that help you do just that—maybe there is a connection there.

For his part, Marquez has denied the charges.

"You can say anything you want, but [if] you don't have any proof, it means nothing,"

Marquez told SI.com. "I told them I am willing to take any exam they want. Let's go together, we'll do it together."

To Marquez's credit, he did take the tests. And those tests did come back clean. Of course, as we have learned over the years, the tests conducted don't test for everything. Something athletes are all too aware of.

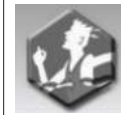
"As far as people thinking I am taking steroids? I would take the test. Let them take my blood," the 39-year-old said in another interview. "I don't care. [I would do it] just to shut everybody up. Of course my fight

tests have always been clean. I don't know how those rumors got started"

All of which leads us to this: inevitably, Pacquiao's team will enforce much stricter PED testing guidelines this time. On the last go-round they saw Marquez get bigger and stronger, but they still cockily believed they would beat him anyway. Following the events that took place last December—they know better now.

When negotiations officially begin for a fifth bout, expect for testing to supplant purse split as the big topic of interest.

DFS Fun 'Love's' Run Feb. 16



The DFS Galleria Team DFS-670 employees club is holding its Fun "Love's" Run 5K and 10K fundraiser on Feb. 16 along Beach Road.

The Top 5 finishers of each division will receive some handsome rewards provided by DFS.

The 10-kilometer route begins at DFS and runs south along Beach Road to First Hawaiian Bank in Oleai and back, while the 5K route ventures the same direction to Triple J Motors and back. Proceeds from the race will benefit Team

DFS-670's annual DFS Goodwill Olympics Games between DFS Saipan's Team 670 and DFS Guam's Team 671.

Entry fee is only \$10 and runners will be given raffle tickets for the awards ceremony.

Onsite registration begins at 5:15am with the race scheduled for 6am. Pre-registration forms can be obtained at DFS from 10:30am to 10pm.

Event organizers request that participants dress in red in light of Valentine's Day.

For more information, contact DFS' Ben Babauta at 483-2563. (WCS)

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minutes. However he succumbed to Alliance's Rehan Muttalib, losing on points in the last five seconds of the championship match.

"I came into the finals feeling great after locking in three Kimura submissions, and a clock-choke submission, but faced a very tough opponent

in Muttalib for the gold prize," Camacho said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

It was one of the best closing fights of the day, as Camacho started landing a double-leg takedown and scored a big aerial slam, but Muttalib countered with a super tight triangle choke hold that almost put the former to sleep.

"I ended up getting out of it, but still lost the match by an advantage in the last five seconds.

I fell short of my goal, which was gold, and unfortunately I was not the better man in Portugal. Still, the experience I gained is like no other," he said.

"I will use this result as motivation leading up to the BJJ World Championships this June in California. I'm staying positive...it was a well needed match for me this year, meaning I can patch the current holes in my game and come back stronger. I want to thank my team, Master Lloyd,

my family and friends, 12-P's and the CNMI. I'm hungry and fired up. 2013 is going to be a great year," Camacho added.

Camacho is also eyeing an appearance in the Pan-American JJ Championships in Irvine, California and the Brazilian JJ Nationals in May in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. The 2013 European Open JJ Championships is a major annual affiliate of the International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation (IBJJF).

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on Saipan will be very much appreciated.

"We need at least 6 volunteers for homestays. I have done this many years and I can tell you first hand it is a great experience. Our homestays are very low maintenance, usually riding their bikes to where ever they need to go. We usually do casual dinners at home and they like to get to bed early so they can get up early to train," said Northern Marianas Islands Triathlon Federation/SASC Saipan Adventure Sports Club president Russ Quinn in an email circulated to NMIF members. Quinn added that offering

"homestays" is what makes XTERRA Saipan different from the other legs in the XTERRA World Tour. He said the event was called XTERRA's Crown Jewel because Saipan is great with taking care of visiting triathletes.

"Each year the event gets bigger with more pros coming and more age groupers visiting to try the race they hear about from others," the NMIF head said.

Besides the homestays, Quinn said visiting triathletes will also need bikes.

"We need 3 or 4 bikes, some road and some mountain to loan to competitors who plan on doing both events, but cannot bring two bikes. Again I've done this with my road bike and they have taken great care of it and returned it in

better shape than when I lent it to them. So if you have a bike that is decent and you are not going to do one of the races, please consider lending it, But we need to know soon," Quinn said.

Around 100 are expected to compete in XTERRA Saipan, including three pros who will be making their debut in next month's event. South Africa's Dan Hugo and Bradley Weiss and Scotland's Rory Downie, through their websites, have confirmed they are making a stop on Saipan to complete XTERRA's Asia Tour, which will begin in the Philippines (March 2) and end in Guam (March 23).

The three competitive pros will be battling the men's championship against former XTERRA

RA Saipan winner Sam Gardner of United Kingdom and France's Olivier Marceau and defending champion Ben Allen of Australia.

Taga, Inc., which is organizing both XTERRA and Tagaman, is expecting to get a few more pros and a lot of age group participants this month when registration for both events gets into full swing. Registration for XTERRA will be until March 6 (11:59pm) while Tagaman's is on March 12. Early registration is encouraged to get discounted rates.

For more information, visit www.saipansports.com or send email to Bill Sakovich at swimsak@yahoo.com or Brad Ruzala at bradinthesand96950@yahoo.com.

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Meanwhile, the season continues next week with SIS Green challenging MHS Blue on north court on Tuesday and GCA drawing MHS Yellow on the south end at 4pm. Southern then takes on SIS White on

the north square, while MCS faces KHS on the south side at 5pm. For the last set of games at 6pm, MHS Blue meets MBA on north court, while SIS White battles KHS on south end.

Notably, the second and third pairings may start earlier than the original schedules, as the third set of each match will only be played if no two-set sweep is recorded.

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maximum of 14 players on its roster and 9 of them must be employees of the company they are representing. Participating teams can recruit five more other players, who must not be employed by another company that will also play in the 2013 season. Then at game time, teams must have at least one employee on the court. Violation of the special rule will result to technical fouls charged to the offending squad.

Matches will be played three times a week or every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with game time to be discussed as the league nears its opening.

Interested teams are mandated to submit jersey details to avoid uniform color duplication. A no jersey, no play rule will be implemented.

DFS Galleria won the last edition of the Shirley's caging, as it leaned on former CNMI National Team members to beat PSS/McGraw-Hill in the winner-take-all finale, 92-63.

Pete Iguel went on to claim the Finals MVP in the title match, teaming up with fellow former CNMI Team standouts Jack Lizama and Dar Barcinas. Lizama also brought home an award, making it to the Mythical Team with Fiesta's Elmer Esdrelon, Mobil's Jun Estolas, Shirley's Kae Bernardo, and the now Guam-based Dave Sablan of PSS/McGraw-Hill. Sablan got his second individual plum after taking home the regular season MVP trophy, while Esdrelon was named scoring champion.

Other awardees in the third season of the Shirley's caging were Wushin Express' Ferdie Tobias (best in assists), GPPC's Randy Mungcal (steals), Shirley's J.R. Barrios (free throws) and Bernardo (rebounds), PIC' Ponce Rasa (blocks), and DFS' Gabriel White (best coach).

Meanwhile, for more information about the 4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League, contact Irish Pagarao at 285-8311 or via email at pagarao11@yahoo.com or Rey Lingcaso at 789-7943.

Saipan Little League lures 34 teams, starts next week

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The 2013 season of the Saipan Little League will begin on Feb. 7 at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield with over 30 teams competing in this year's tournament.

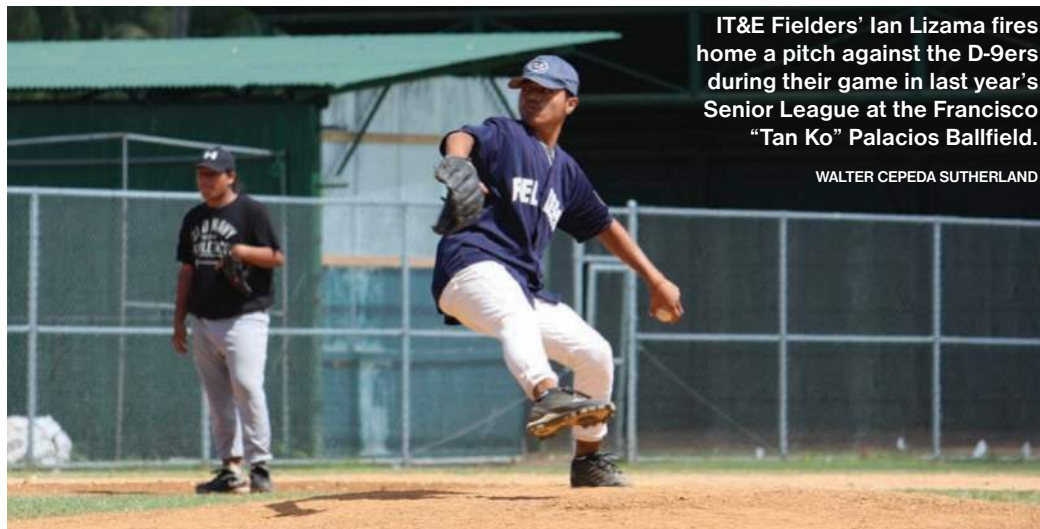
The master list of teams increased from 28 to 34 and the class includes 15 Major division teams, seven Juniors, six Seniors and six Big League squads.

The Big League will kick off the hostilities in this year's SLLB after the 5pm opening ceremony, as reigning champion Padres, formerly the Paradise Island Animal Hospital Hustlers, square off against the Ol'Aces at 6pm in a 2012 finals rematch.

Other teams competing in the Big League are the IT&E Fielders, the LEEP Program Enforcers, the Rays, and the Natibu Braves.

The defending champions Dandan Comets, Talaabwogh Falcons, Kagman Little Legals, IT&E, Pinnacle Rockies, Kagman-Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort, the Ol'Aces, Kagman-Ford Rangers, the Jets, the Natibu Sports Association Braves, The JPO Enforcers, McDonald's, the Bank of Saipan Red Sox, the Survivors, and the As Matuis Twins represent the Major class.

The Junior League has defending champion BoS Red Sox, the Talaabwogh Falcons, the Comets, the Kagman Lions, the IT&E Fielders, X-clusive, and the JPO Enforcers, while the Senior League list includes reigning champion Ol'Aces, the Kagman Lions, the DARE Program Enforcers, the IT&E Fielders, the Hunters, and the



IT&E Fielders' Ian Lizama fires home a pitch against the D-9ers during their game in last year's Senior League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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From left CNMI District senior advisor James Ada, chief umpire Bob Guerrero, secretary/treasurer Lynn Duenas, Saipan Little League president Ray Yumul, and CNMI District Administrator Mike Borja pose for a group photo during an organizational meeting held last Wednesday at the CNMI Election Commission's office.

Natibu Braves.

After the opening day, the Fielders will take on the Braves in the Big League tiff at 6pm, while the full day of matches across all divisions will start on Feb. 9 at 9am.

CNMI District officers meet

Meanwhile, the CNMI Little League District board formally

introduced its officers for the 2013 season during an organizational meeting held last Wednesday at the CNMI Election Commission's office.

Newly appointed District Administrator Mike Borja recognized Lynn Duenas as this year's secretary and treasurer, while Bob Guerrero was appointed as chief umpire and former administrator James Ada

was named senior advisor.

Notably, in an effort to make all developmental opportunities on Saipan available to Rota and Tinian as well, Guerrero will be offering some umpire clinics to the two other islands.

The district panel also reminded parents, managers, and coaches to make sure that any new equipment, especially bats, are in compliance with

Little League International current qualifications. Check www.littleleague.org for more information.

In other developments, the district board is still awaiting startup confirmation from the local leagues on Rota and Tinian. However, their programs are implemented on a much smaller scale and should have no problem getting off and running in the near future.

The board did share of receiving word that Rota Little League is planning to enter into the new "50-70" junior division this year,

which is a brand new swing-age division inserted for graduating 13-year-old major division players who may not be ready to make the jump into the junior league's standard mound and baseline distances. The 50-70 ramifications place the mound at 50 feet from home plate with 70 feet base paths, as opposed to the junior division's current 60 feet and 90 feet distances.

In closing, the board expressed its gratitude to Bridge Capital for generously donating to all three CNMI local programs this year.

PIC Duck Race set for Feb. 9

Pacific Islands Club Saipan will be hosting the 2013 Duck Race for Cancer on Feb. 9.

PIC staff will be out selling ducks to the community to try and raise funds for this worthy cause. In addition to this year's annual duck race set at 6:30pm, PIC will also have the Corporate Duck Race to this year's event. Dozens of companies are invited to participate, but only the first 24 to confirm will be granted slots into the PIC Race Around The River.

The PIC Race Around The River will be held right before the Duck Race for Cancer. Four heats with six participants each will wear yellow swim caps, lifejackets, and swim fins (all provided by PIC) and make their way around the 800m lazy river with their very own inflatable duck (also provided by PIC). The Top 2 participants from each heat will be granted slots into the finals. The top finisher in the finals will win a team building night of Laser Tag at PIC's Laser

Tag Park and two cases of drinks for up to 30 people

Additionally, PIC will display company provided banners around the river at this widely attended and publicized community event.

Entry into The PIC Race Around The River is only \$50 per company. Again, only 24 companies will be allowed to compete. PIC will provide the costume and the company will provide only one participant.

PIC hosted the same event last year and it had a huge turn out. An even bigger turn out is expected next month.

"We hope that you can take the time to participate in this year's exciting and innovative event. Our previous four duck races raised more than \$21,000 and help the fight against cancer here in the CNMI," race director Glenn Policare said in a press release.

For more information, contact Policare at glenn.policare@picsaipan.com or call 237-5148. (PIC)

Benavente draws first blood in MGA tournament

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Rep. Tony Benavente went down in the books as Marianas Golf Association's very first winner after beating 24 other competitors in the new club's January Ace of the Month Tournament held last Sunday at the Marianas Country Club.

Benavente shot a 45 on the front nine and a charged toward the club house with a 35 on the back side for an even gross score of 80 that was adjusted into a field-low net of 68.

Club president Carl J. Hocog led the eventual winner by eight strokes after the first nine holes, but the former crumbled after the turn and saw his 37 from the start spoil after posting a 44 on the closing leg. Hocog ended up with a gross 81 that factored into an even 70 net and earned him runner-up honors.

In third place came J.J. Atalig, who scratched in a pair of 40s on the front and back for a gross card of 80 that was shaved down to a 74 net.

Notably, Greg Sablan Jr.



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Marianas Golf Association's January Ace winner Rep. Tony Benavente, right, poses with, from left, fourth finisher Greg Sablan Jr., third placer J.J. Atalig, and runner-up and club president Carl Hocog after the competition last Sunday at the Marianas Country Club.

matched Atalig's net score, but was bumped down to fourth position via the MGA's tiebreaker rule. Sablan Jr. shot a pair of 48s for a gross 96.

In the closest to the pin contests, Benavente won hole No. 12, while Joey Dela Cruz prevailed on No. 6, Ned Norita on No. 8 and Ron Benavente on No. 16.

Eight members played from the championship tee in MGA's first tournament, while 15 competed from the white tees, in-

cluding two ladies.

The tournament was played with a handicap system where male players with a handicap of 10 and below teed off from the championship tee (blue tee), while those with a handicap of 11 and above teed off from the men's white tee. Female participants naturally use the shortest red tees.

MGA, which aims to develop golfers' performance while delivering transparency and innovative tournaments

to challenge its members to perform to their full potential, takes pride in their handicap system, as most other organizations do not utilize the championship tee during their monthly tournaments. To compensate members who compete from the championship tees, a +2 handicap is added to their standing for a competitive tournament.

Hocog emphasized that a player's handicap determines which category it will be entering in major tournaments, such as the Tournament of Champions, the HANMI Golf Classic, and Northern Marianas College Foundation Open.

Meanwhile, Hocog is inviting members of the community to join MGA. The club will have its February Ace of the Month tournament on Feb. 17 at Coral Ocean Point. Show time is set for 9am with a 10am tee off.

For more information, contact Atalig at 285-4115, Greg Sablan Jr. at 483-8263, email marianasgolf670@gmail.com or visit its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Marianas-GolfAssociation.

Jones claims Amigo's January Ace

Amigo Golf Club concluded its January Ace of the Month tournament last Sunday at the Kingfisher Golf Links with Sherlyn Jones prevailing in the 18-player field.

Last weekend's round began with players making adjustments for a chance to catch up with Jones, the qualifying leader after posting a net 67 in the first round. However, Jones was not about to relinquish her lead and goal of becoming the first player to earn a spot on the Ace of the Aces year-end tournament. She duplicated her qualifying gross score of 85 and with her 18 handicap, she posted another 67 for an impressive two-round score of 134. Jones had a 46 on the front and 39 on the back in last Sunday's finale.

Diding Hocog and Frank Sablan came in a distant second, as they logged identical net scores of 142 in the two rounds. Hocog turned in a 49 and 44 on the front and back for a gross 93 last Sunday. She had a 24 handicap to gain a net 69, which was added to her net 67 in the qualifier. Sa-

blan started slow on the front nine with his 44, but was all business at the back with his 2-under par 34 for a gross 78 and net 67 after deducting his 8 handicap. He had a net 75 in the qualifier to end up still eight strokes behind Jones.

Completing the Top 3 was Frank Guerrero, who had a gross 86 (45 and 41 on the front and back nines) and 19 handicap for a net 67 in last Sunday's round. He had a net 78 in the qualifier, giving him a two-round total of 145.

Other Amigo members who joined the January Ace tournaments, with their two-round net scores in parenthesis, were John Guerrero (146), Terry Attao (148), Lorraine Babauta (148), Joseph Muna (148), Joe Tudela (149), Larry Hocog (150), Felix Sasamoto (151), Ben Jones Sr. (152), Ben Jones Jr. (156), Syl Ada (159), Danny Quitugua (160), and John Tenorio (170).

Meanwhile, the club's February qualifying tournament will be held next Sunday at Kingfisher. (PR)

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'The Crank' wins silver medal in Euro tourney



Lloyd Irvin MMA and Saipan's Frank Camacho, left, poses with his purple belt middleweight Gi silver medal and team pennant with the other podium winners during the awards ceremony for the 2013 European Open Jiu Jitsu Championships held in Lisbon, Portugal, late last month.

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Saipan's Frank "The Crank" Camacho clinched a silver medal in the 2013 European Open Jiu Jitsu Championships held late last month in Lisbon, Portugal.



Camacho was among the 50 entries in the purple-belt middleweight Gi (181lbs) division and placed second in the tournament than ran from Jan. 24 to 27. The Gi category allows mixed martial artists to use the traditional kimono during bouts and it helps the fighter better perform submission maneuvers if used properly.

Camacho came into the finals on a tear of four wins, which included four submissions victories he executed in under three

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Unbeaten Lady Eagles soar to 9th win

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Grace Christian Academy extended its streak to nine after nailing another win in the 2012-2013 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Volleyball League last Tuesday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The Lady Eagles defeated Marianas Baptist Academy's Lady Stormz (3-6) in two sets, 25-20, 25-15 to keep their flawless record and create more distance against their closest pursuers Saipan International School's Green Lady Geckos and Marianas High School's Lady Blue Dolphins, who hold identical 7-2 cards.



Grace Christian Academy's Zena Demapan rears back for a spike in this file photo taken during their game against Marianas High School's Blue Lady Dolphins in the MISO girls volleyball league last month at the MHS Gymnasium.

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The SIS Green Lady Geckos gained a share of second place after pulling out two wins before the week ends. SIS routed both Saipan Southern High (0-8), 25-11, 25-16, and Mount Carmel School's Lady Knights (4-3), 25-14, 25-16, last Wednesday to force a tie with MHS Blue.

MHS Blue, on the other hand, defeated sister squad Lady Yellow Dolphins (3-6) also in two sets, 25-21, 25-12, to gain its seventh win in nine games.

The fourth-ranked SIS White Lady Geckos (5-4) had a bye week this round, while other results from Wednesday include MCS toppling SSHS's Lady Manta Rays in two sets, 25-10, 25-13, and MHS Yellow getting a forfeit win over Kagman High School's Lady Ayuyus (1-7).

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Homestays, bikes needed for XTERRA, Tagaman

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Participants of the XTERRA Saipan and Tagaman need a taste of island hospitality as the two biggest triathlon events in the CNMI take place next month.



The 2013 XTERRA Saipan Championship will be held on March 9, while the 2013 Tagaman Triathlon is set for March 16 and with some off-island athletes confirmed to join both competitions, having hosts for their two-week stay

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Renata Bucher leads a small group of pros on its way up to the Bird Island Lookout during last year's Tagaman Triathlon.

Shirley's caging returns, opens on March 18

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The Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League is back this year and will open its fourth season on March 18 at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

After taking a break last

year, Shirley's Coffee Shop, which is managed by Susan Macario, is encouraging various companies on Saipan to field their respective teams and battle for the 2013 championship. League organizers are looking to have at least 8 squads this season.

Each squad can only have a
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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
DFS Galleria's Jack Lizama is clobbered by PSS/McGraw-Hill defenders during their title game in the 2011 Shirley's caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.